

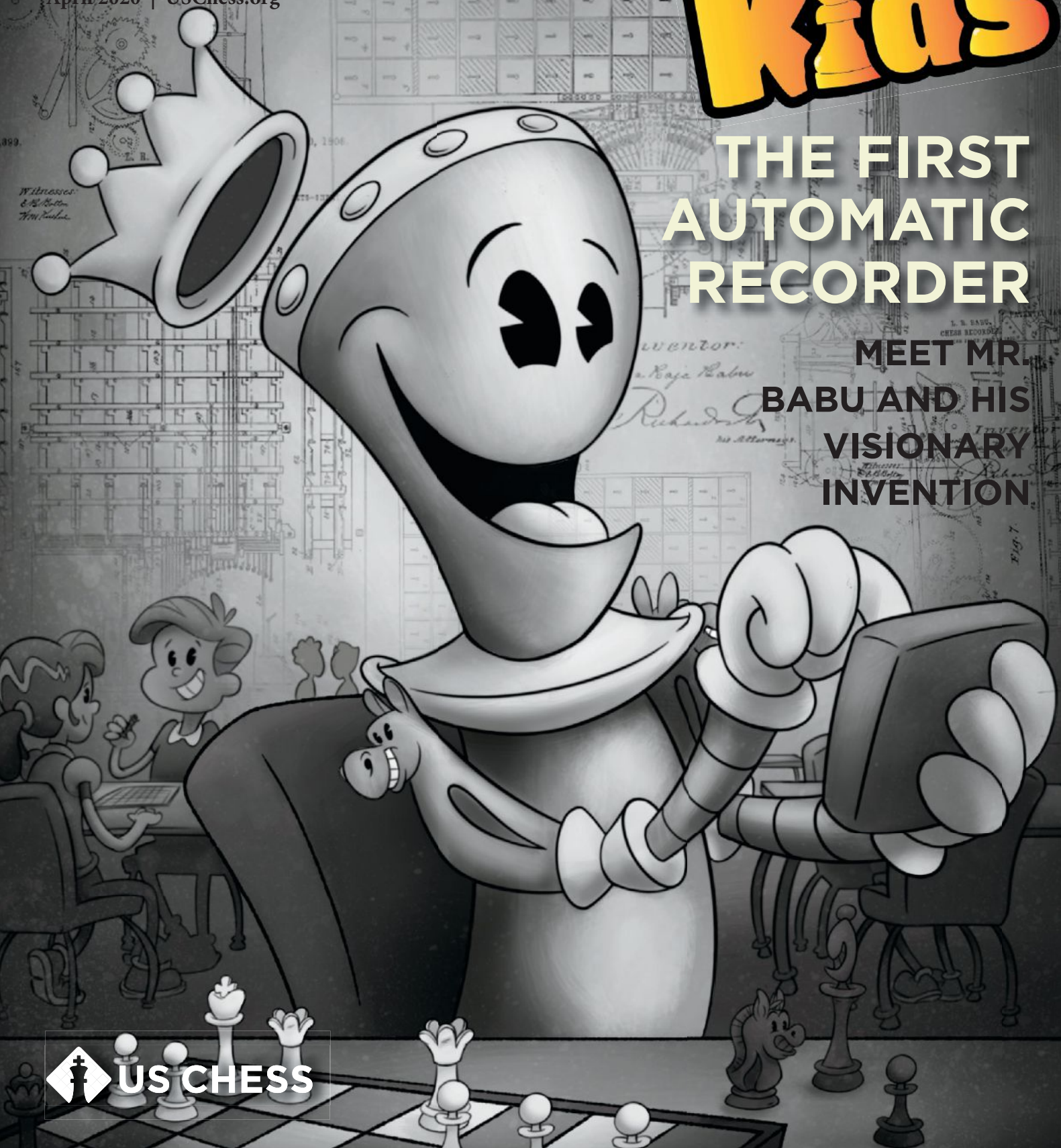
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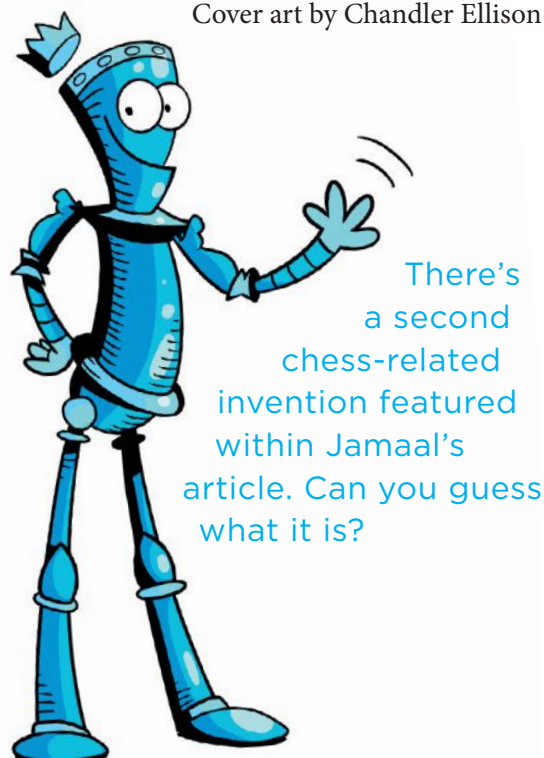
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This month: GM Alejandro Ramirez

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The use of electronic notation devices (ENDs) has become increasingly popular in recent years (but be sure to check ENDs rules for national scholastic events!). Their portability and cool technology makes it easy to believe they are relatively new inventions. But did you know that a man named Lala Raja Babu invented the first automatic chess recorder back in 1903—long before the digital age? Jamaal Abdul-Alim relates the fascinating history behind Mr. Babu's invention, explains how the recorder worked, and ruminates about its ultimate fate. Also in this issue, GM Francesco Rambaldi introduces the Scandinavian Defense, an opening that is gaining popularity in the highest levels of chess. And meet GM Alejandro Ramirez in this month's My First Move and Chess Adventures.

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MEET THE CREW

THIS MONTH'S CONTRIBUTORS

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Jamaal Abdul-Alim is an award-winning journalist based in Washington, D.C. You can often find him playing chess in DuPont Circle, a chess hotspot in the nation's capital. Jamaal writes and edits stories about a wide variety of topics—everything from street crime to extraterrestrial life. His travels have taken him around the world: from India, where he covered the World 50th World Junior Chess Championship, to the ancient city of Mecca, where he performed the pilgrimage called hajj in 1998. He was the 2013 Chess Journalist of the Year and won the 2017 award from the Chess Journalists of America for a series about chess inventions.



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MEET THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EVENTS

Pete Karagianis joined US Chess in 2018 as our Assistant Director of Events. He's the brains behind the popular livestream broadcasts that have now become part of every national tournament, as well as the host of our podcast, Chess Underground, which is dedicated to the eccentric, wacky, and cool chess subculture. Pete's extensive chess background encompasses many facets of chess: he's a player, director, educator, administrator, and author. A tournament player since age six, Pete has played over 400 tournaments and holds the national master (2005) and original life master (2010) titles. As a chess educator, Pete began his teaching career in 2006 in the Bloomington, Illinois, area and has since worked with thousands of students. His award-winning chess writing includes contributions to *Chess Life* and *Chess Life Online*, as well as other state and local publications.



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CAN DO IT!

BY SIM JON EDWARDS

10TH U.S. CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CHAMPION

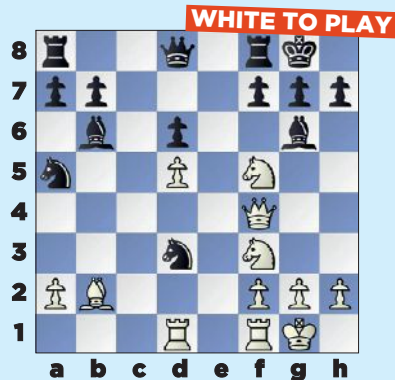
Previously, I looked at queen sacrifices on f6 and g6. Now, let's look at queen sacrifices on h6!

(see diagram next column)

Here, after 20. Qh6, the threat is Qxg7 mate. Black can capture White's Bb2 and Nf5, but not both at the same time. White still delivers the checkmate on g7. And, of course, on 20. ... gxh6, White has 21. Nxh6 mate, beautiful checkmate.

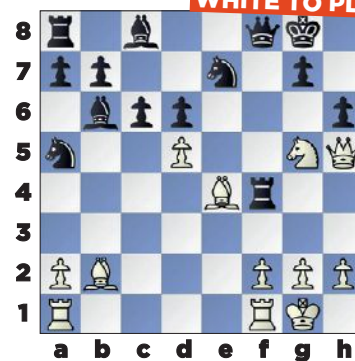
In the quiz, every solution involves a queen sacrifice on h6, though not always right on the first move. Some

of these are tough, but I know that **You Can Do It!**



QUIZ 3

WHITE TO PLAY



QUIZ 4

WHITE TO PLAY



QUIZ 5

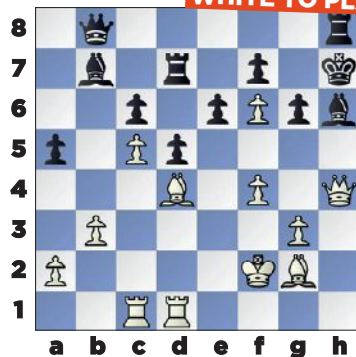
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QUIZ 1

WHITE TO PLAY



QUIZ 2

WHITE TO PLAY



QUIZ 6

WHITE TO PLAY





For the full press release, including the reasons behind these changes, visit uschess.org, click on CLO, and search under “National Events.”

New Awards at US Chess National Scholastics

US Chess has introduced new awards to be distributed at national scholastic events. They are designed to be distinctive and elegant. Following is a brief overview explaining the changes.

What has changed?

For the 2020 spring nationals, most individual awards will be custom medals. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in each section. The gold medal in the championship sections will bear the words “National Champion.” All other place medals will be a copper color.

For each section that awards a national championship title, the first place team trophy will be custom made as well. These trophies will be the only team awards with the words “National Champions” in the engraving.

These changes will affect:

- National High School (K-12) Championship—all sections
- National Junior High (K-9) Championship—all sections
- National Elementary (K-6) Championship—all K-6 and K-5 sections

Photos, upper right: A sample of the new individual awards, with the championship title clearly visible on the back. Lower right: The new first place team trophies are custom made.



How and why was this decided?

This was a deliberate process involving numerous parts of US Chess leadership, significant input from the Scholastic Council—the primary advisory body for scholastic affairs—and feedback from the 2019 National K-12 Grade Championships. Through these enhancements, US Chess is seeking to continually improve the experience and educational value of attending the national scholastic tournaments. We are dedicated to ensuring that the spring nationals continue to be the premier culminating events for chess programs around the country.



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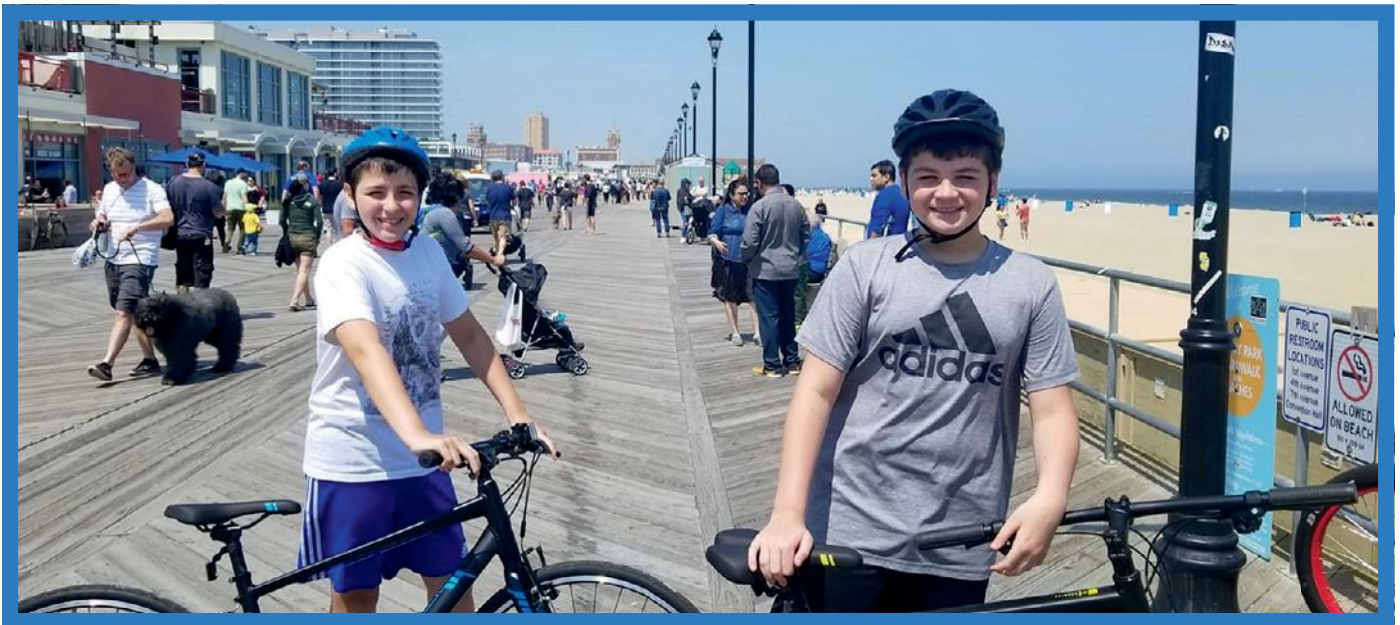
BY AL LAWRENCE

Celebrating *Chess Life Kids*
from across the country.

Kyle & Kaleb Lancman

New York City, New York

Separate grandmaster teachers



Kyle and Kaleb are 12-year-old twins who both love chess. They attend seventh grade together at Wagner Middle School. They study chess and play blitz together, ski and play tennis and soccer together. They even play together on their school's table tennis team.

But Kyle and Kaleb train with two different famous chess grandmasters!

Their father, Dr. Marcelo Lancman, taught the twins how to move the chess pieces when they were just three years old. By the next year, the two were playing whole



Photo, facing page: Biking together in Asbury Park, New Jersey. Center photo, this page: At the Bobby Fischer Center in Selfoss, Iceland in 2015.



Photo, lower left: Kaleb and his coach, GM Max Dlugy, at Dlugy's Chess Max Academy. Photo, upper right: Kyle studies with GM Lev Alburt. All photos courtesy of subjects.



games. "I played my first US Chess rated tournament when I was seven," Kyle said.

Kaleb didn't play in an official tournament until he was 10. "I would travel with my family to national championship events my brother played in and would hang out with the school team. Then I began to play local tournaments and really started to like the game. And when I went to Nashville for my first nationals ever, I was pretty nervous. But when I started playing, I was able to focus and won a trophy. I was hooked after that!"

Kyle's favorite chess experience was playing in the North American Youth

Chess Championship in Canada. "My parents had said that if they did not see me preparing daily for the tournament, they would cancel the trip, so I spent the summer studying like never before. When I got there, all that preparation really paid off. I tied for third place and nearly got the candidate master title."

When their school couldn't send a full team to the 2019 National K-12 Grade Championships in Orlando, Florida, the boys played as a two-player team. "We ended up winning a trophy, even though we only had two team members instead of three," Kyle said.

"The most important contribution to my chess has been through working with GM Lev Alburt. I have a class with him every week," Kyle said. But Kaleb goes a few blocks away to GM Max Dlugy's Chess Max Academy.

"GM Dlugy has really made a huge difference in my chess skills."

Alburt is a three-time U.S. Champ. Dlugy is a former World Junior Champion. The two are good friends. Both Kyle and Kaleb have each gained hundreds of rating points during their training with the grandmasters—and learned to enjoy chess even more.

"Chess has helped me understand that if you dedicate hours to studying and practicing something, you can excel," Kyle said. Kaleb credits chess with helping him "learn how to plan and calculate mentally. Also, at first competition made me nervous. But chess helped me to learn to enjoy it."

The twins have different teachers, but both get big benefits from chess.



AVOID THE by Bruce Pandolfini TRAP!

THE PAWN SAC AT KING-SIX

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 at the end of this column. Total your points and see how you did against the scoring scale at the end!

Pieces and pawns are not independent. They must work together. In order to achieve harmony in the opening, one tries to place pawns so that they facilitate development. That typically means trying not to block lines of communication by playing obstructing pawn moves. But that doesn't stop the opponent from using pawns, and sometimes knights, to disrupt the enemy development with obstructions. For example, a typical attacking motif involves sacrificing a pawn on the king-6 square (e6 for White, e3 for Black) before the opponent has had the chance to advance his or her own king-pawn. That could make it difficult, at least for a few moves, to activate the king-bishop through the center. An even worse outcome can result if the offered king-pawn is captured by the f-pawn,

exposing the king to diagonal assault (h5-e8 or h4-e1, respectively). With the kingside so weakened, various sorties and mating attacks can suddenly come about. An instance of such an obstructing/deflecting situation is shown in this month's column.

10 questions on the following game are included in the text. Each answer is worth 10 points. (Answers can be found at the end of the column.) Try to score at least 80 points!

1. e4

White starts with one of the two most common beginning moves. The other would be 1. d2-d4.

1. ... c6

The Caro-Kann Defense, named after Mr. Caro and Mr. Kann. In both the Caro-Kann Defense (1. e4 c6)

and the French Defense (1. e4 e6) Black aims to play 2. ... d7-d5, getting counterplay in the center.

Q1) How is the Caro-Kann different from the French for the c8-bishop?

2. d4

This is the usual move, creating a classical pawn center.

Q2) Besides 2. d2-d4, what are four other moves typically played here? (10 points)

2. ... d5

Black strikes back. White's e-pawn is now threatened.

3. Bd3

This defends the pawn, but it's not the best move.

Q3) How does 3. Bf1-d3 lose time? (10 points)

Q4) What are four preferable third moves for White? (10 points)

3. ... Nf6

This is a good move—in the right order—but this is not the right order. As a rule of thumb, you shouldn't prepare to do what can be done at once.

Q5) If not 3. ... Ng8-f6, what should Black play instead? (10 points)

4. e5

White gains space and keeps the initiative. Black's knight must find a new home.

Q6) Can Black safely play 4. ... Nf6-e4? (10 points)

4. ... Nf6

Not the best place for the knight.

Q7) Instead of 4. ... Nf6-d7, what should Black have played? (10 points)



Q8) What is White's best move? (10 points)

5. e6!

An obstructing/deflecting sacrifice!

Q9) What is likely to happen after 5. ... Nd7-f6? (10 points)

5. ... fxe6?

Black is now mated by force.

7. Qh5+

Immediately exploiting the weakened e8-h5 diagonal.

7. ... g6

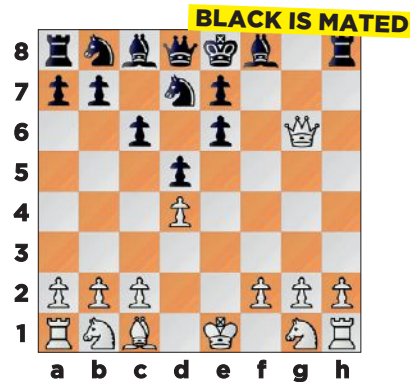
The only move.

7. Bxg6+

Yes, White could instead capture on g6 with the queen, though that would be a bit showy.

7. ... hxg6 8. Qxg6 mate!

After White's last move, Black can't even resign.



Q10) What was the last move Black could have avoided the trap? (10 points)

ILLUSTRATIVE GAME:

PIRC DEFENSE (B07)

Jozsef Pogats

Dezso Szabo

Budapest 1952

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 b6 4. f4 Bb7 5. Bd3 c5 6. d5 Na6 7. e5 Nd7 8. e6 fxe6 9. Qh5+, Black resigned.

Black will be diagonally mated.



How Did You Score?

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!

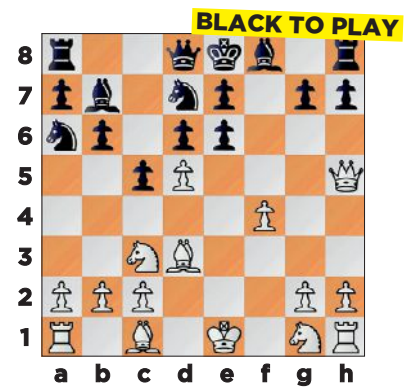
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90: 1600

80: 1400

70: 1200

60 or lower: 1000



ANSWERS

A1) In the French, Black blocks the c8-h3 diagonal; in the Caro-Kann, Black doesn't block it.

A2) White sometimes plays 2. Nb1-c3, 2. Ng1-f3, 2. d2-d3, or 2. c2-c4.

A3) After 3. ... d5xe4 4. Bd3xe4, Black has the initiative with 4. ... Ng8-f6.

A4) Four such moves are 3. Nb1-c3, 3. e4xd5, 3. e4-e5, and 3. Nb1-d2.

A5) Black should play 3. ... d5xe4, answering 4. Bd3xe4 with 4. ... Ng8-f6.

A6) No! After 4. ... Nf6-e4, White has 5. f2-f3, and the knight is lost.

A7) As bad as they are, Black should have played 4. ... Nf6-g8 or 4. ... Nf6-g4.

A8) White should play the obstructive/deflective sacrifice, 5. e5-e6.

A9) Play would continue 6. e6xf7+ Kxf7 7. Ng1-f3, with a big advantage for White.

A10) Black should not have played 5. ... f7xe6.



MR. BABU

AND HIS AUTOMATIC RECORDER

By Jamaal Abdul-Alim

Art by Chandler Ellison

If you've ever been to a chess tournament, you've probably seen a few kids using one of those handheld electronic devices—one popular one is the MonRoi—to record their moves. Or maybe you've even seen a few grandmasters play on those wooden electronic boards that not only record the moves but also let spectators see the moves live on a projection screen or via the internet using wireless technology.

But have you ever wondered who was the first person to create an automatic chess recorder?

While e-boards first appeared in the 1990s and the MonRoi was created by a woman named Brana Malobabic-Gaincristofaro in the early 2000s, the first automatic chess recorder was actually invented long before the digital age.

More specifically, the first automatic chess recorder was invented in 1903 in India by a man named Lala Raja Babu.

Mr. Babu—who served as an aide to the Maharaja, or the “great king,” of Patiala, a former princely state in India under British rule—had one of the coolest jobs in the world. His official title was Superintendent of the Palace Games. Since chess is widely believed to have originated in India, it's a safe bet that chess got a good amount of attention in the palace. And why shouldn't it? What better place to oversee the royal game than from a royal palace?

Plus, by all accounts, Mr. Babu was a great chess player himself. He learned

the game from his father, who was in charge of public education in Patiala, and won three championships in a row—in 1899, 1900 and 1901—at the Simla Club. But Mr. Babu was also a great thinker and an inventor. Through his automatic chess recorder, he solved a major problem that still troubles many chess players—maybe even you—to this very day. And that is: How to accurately (and in this case automatically) record our games?

Let's take a look at what Mr. Babu himself said about his automatic chess recorder invention. (You may want to get a dictionary because we're probably going to learn a couple of new words along the way).

“To all whom it may concern,” Mr. Babu wrote in U.S. Patent No. 810899, which he filed on July 14, 1903. “The object of this invention is to provide a contrivance whereby the moves made during a game at chess are automatically recorded and the time taken by the parties precisely kept, thereby doing away with the necessity of a referee or the assistance of a third party to write down the moves as they are made, as well as obviating the chance of mistake.”

In other words, the purpose of this device was to automatically record a player's chess moves—as well as how long it took each player to make a move—and eliminate the chance of making a mistake in the notation.

(Give yourselves some cool points if you already knew the meaning of the words “contrivance” and “obviating” without having to look them up.)

And, apparently, in India it was not unheard of to have someone else besides the two players to write down the moves for a particular game.

But how exactly did Mr. Babu's machine work?

Well, this wasn't an ordinary chessboard with ordinary pieces. For starters, each square had a keyhole. Each piece had a key at its base.

When you placed a piece in one of the keyholes, you had to give it a sharp half turn—sort of like you would do with a regular key.

When you did that, it would activate a bunch of gears and levers connected to a hidden typewriter located inside the board. If you moved your king, the king had a special key that would activate the “K” key of the hidden typewriter, as well as the number of the square where the piece had been moved.

This was back when players used descriptive notation, not algebraic notation like we use today. Back then, squares had two names. The names of the squares either started with “K” or “Q” for “king” or “queen,” respectively, and they ended with the name of the piece that occupied the square's file at the start of the game. So you would have squares with names like QN6, for queen's knight 6, or KB4, for king's

MEGA CLOCK

By Jamaal Abdul-Alim

Marcel Duchamp—a famous 20th century painter and sculptor—once said the reason he loves chess so much is because it involves “beautiful problems.”

While Duchamp was referring to the problem of what move to make when a certain position arises on the board, there are also problems that arise off the board as well.

I thought about this when I bought a giant, glow-in-the-dark chess set —known as a Mega Chess set—but I didn’t have a giant chess clock to go with it.

I used a small chess clock once when I bought my giant, glow-in-the-dark chess set out to Dupont Circle in Washington, D.C., but the spectators and players couldn’t really see it because it was so small in relation to the giant pieces, which were set up on a nine-foot-by-nine-foot chess board. But when we didn’t use a clock at all, the players were taking too long.

So now, I had a “beautiful problem” on my hands. How could I get a giant chess clock to go with my giant chess set?

At first, I thought about buying two big countdown clocks like the ones that are used in sporting events. And I thought about using remote controls to start and stop the clocks. But then I realized there was no way to make sure one clock started as soon as the other one started. Maybe you could rely on players to be honest about starting their clock when the other player stops their clock, but I could see arguments about players not starting their clock quick enough.

Then I contacted a countdown clock company to see if they could make a side-by-side clock that would function just like a chess clock.

They said it would cost a thousand bucks. I was willing to spend the money to do it, especially when they said they would split the cost in half with me. Plus, I figured if I got this gigantic digital chess clock designed and built, maybe I could get

it listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the biggest digital chess clock in the world! But this particular company wasn’t very good about returning my calls. And I didn’t want to spend a thousand bucks with a company that’s not courteous enough to return my calls.

Plus, I had questions about how I would power the big chess clock in a park where there’s no electrical outlet.

That’s when I got a brilliant idea.

First, I figured I could connect my old iPhone to a 27-inch flatscreen TV and then turn on the chess clock app that I had downloaded onto the iPhone so that you can see it on the TV. I had to buy a special adapter, but when I finally got it to work, I was happy and excited, especially when I figured out how to get the chess app horizontal so that people could watch it on the TV without having to turn their heads sideways to keep track of the time.

But then I had another beautiful problem: How do I plug up the TV out in the park at night?

I looked around for some electrical outlets in Dupont Circle, where I live in Washington, D.C., but the only one I could find had been turned off because too many people were using it to charge their phones.

So I figured I would buy a generator. I ended up buying a portable lithium battery mobile power station that can power a flatscreen TV for about four hours. Plus it’s a silent generator and it doesn’t run on gas like those loud generators do, so it’s going to be clean and quiet and I don’t have to worry about spilling gasoline on my shoes and smelling like gas all day.

I can hardly wait for the first nice weather day so I can bring out my giant, makeshift digital chess clock.

Maybe it’s technically not the biggest digital chess clock in the world, which I still hope to invent one day. But it will do for now.

bishop 4. But KB4 for Black would be KB5 for White. And QN6 for White would be QN3 for Black.

To make a record of all these moves, Mr. Babu's machine had paper rollers inside the chessboard so that a printout could be generated.

"Each move thus made will cause a record of the piece moved and the square to which it is moved to be printed," Mr. Babu wrote in his patent application. "Thus if a knight were moved to the fifth square in front of the white queen the record would read Kt Q5. If a pawn had been moved to the same square, the record would be P Q5."

You're probably wondering how the machine recorded the captured piece. Mr. Babu had 16 special squares at the end of each side of the board for each piece that might be captured. When you captured a piece, you would stick the captured piece in the keyhole of one of those special squares, crank it halfway, and then the hidden typewriter would record the piece that had been captured.

"Thus if a bishop were taken by a knight moving to the fourth square in front of the white king the printed record would show Kt K4 X B," Mr. Babu wrote. "Similarly, the various movements of the men are recorded, the paper moving up after each move has been registered."

A cool feature of Mr. Babu's board is that it had two clocks that would alternatively start and stop with each player's move.

One of the earliest articles about Mr. Babu's automatic chess recorder—and his amazing chess career—appeared in a 1904 edition of *British Chess Magazine*.

Mr. Babu had also gotten a patent for his invention in London. Whoever wrote that article thought that Mr. Babu's invention was brilliant but probably too expensive for the average person.

"It is undoubtedly a very ingenious contrivance," the article states, "but too complicated, we fear, and too expensive to come into general use."

The article said Mr. Babu's claims about the "inconvenience or uneasiness" of having a third player to record the game did not apply in Britain, "where we are all trained to work our own clocks and keep our own records."

Mr. Babu's invention also got a writeup in an old newspaper called the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*. (It seems Brooklyn was interested in chess life way before the 2012 movie *Brooklyn Castle*.)

The article appeared on page four in the May 26, 1906 edition of the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*.

"Those who play chess matches where clocks are employed and who are either compelled to make their own notation or depend upon a scorer, will be interested in the new machine," the *Daily Eagle* stated.

The article noted how Mr. Babu's advertisement for the device declared that "no Chess Club, Chess Union, Palace or Dewan should be without it."

The word "dewan" means a variety of things, including a "government bureau" or "finance department." It also refers to the prime minister of an Indian state.

Seeing that Mr. Babu was an aide to the Maharaja, it's easy to see how he would view a dewan as someone who should have his new device.

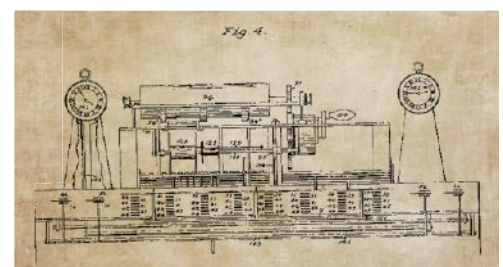
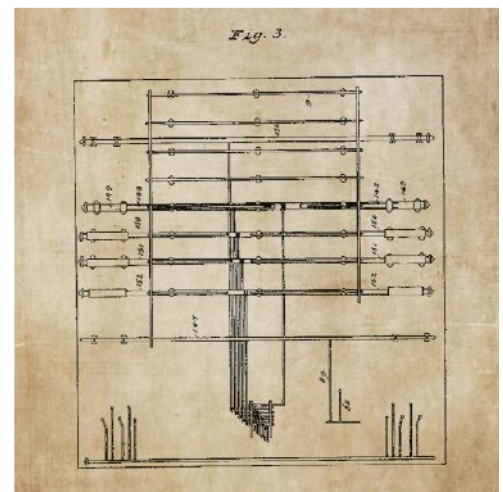
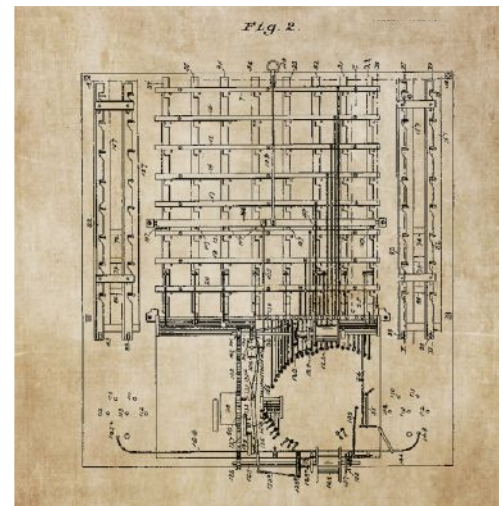
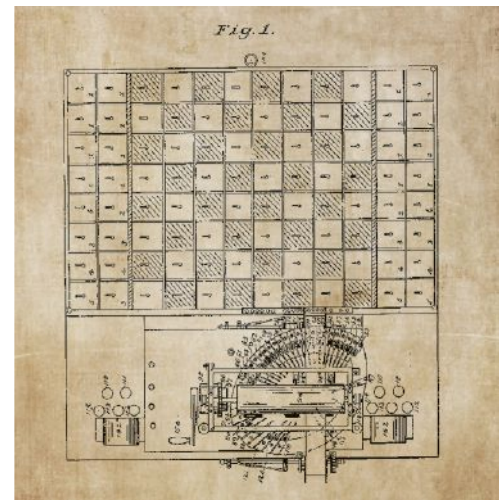
Even though Mr. Babu got a fair amount of publicity for his invention, it has been, in many ways, lost in the annals of history.

When doing research for this story, I contacted Manuel Aaron, who is the grandfather of Deepak Aaron, a well-known chess player on the U.S. chess scene.

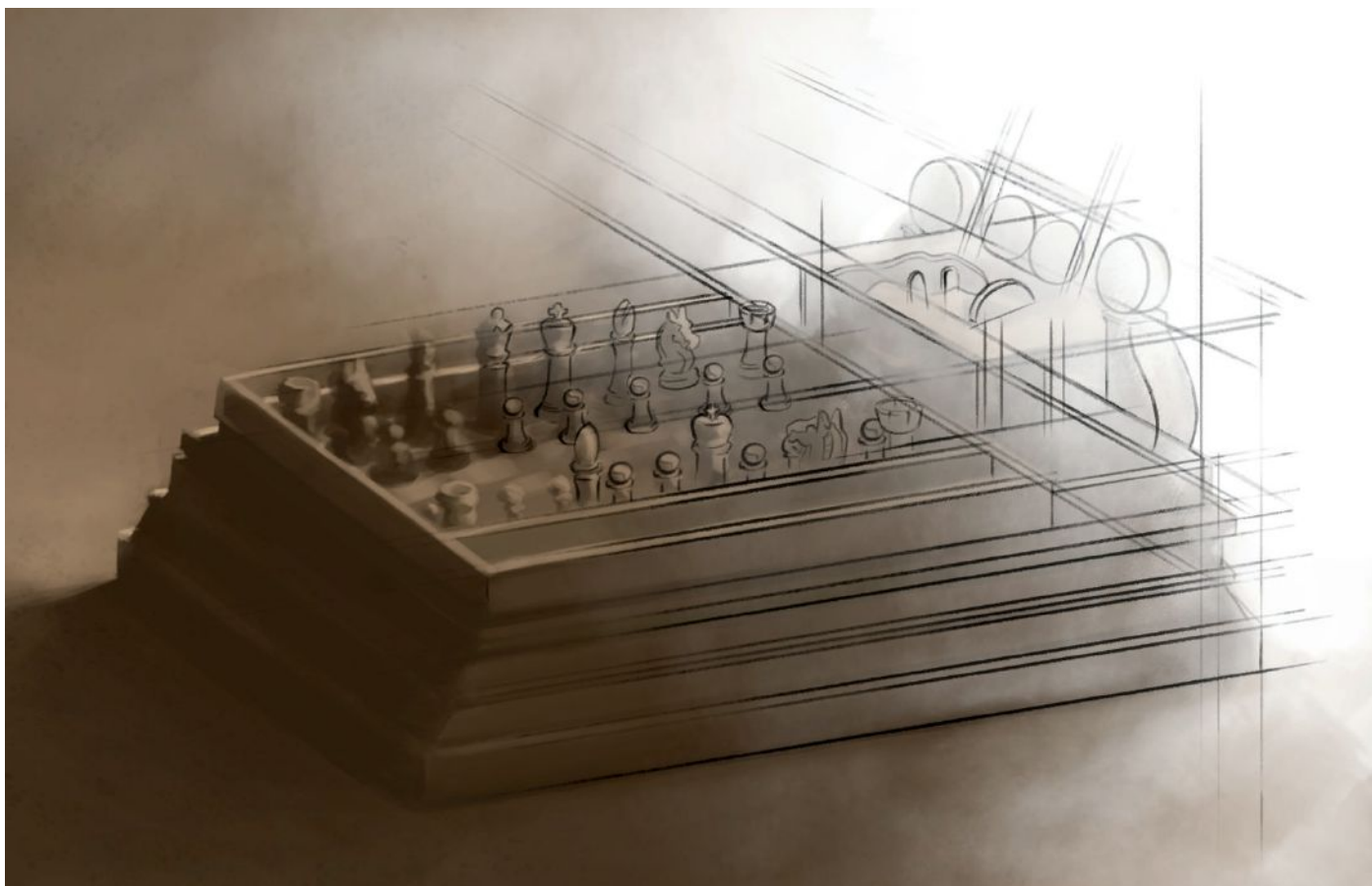
The reason I reached out to the elder Aaron, whom I met in India when I was covering the 50th annual World Junior Chess Championship, is because he is the author of a book called *Indian Chess History*.

I figured if anyone knew anything about Mr. Babu's chess recorder, Manuel Aaron would know.

Manuel Aaron told me that they mention Mr. Babu in his 2014 book,



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PATENT APPLICATION



which describes Mr. Babu as “one of the strongest chess players of late 19th century India.”

“Our book also gives a brilliant game played by him in 1899 in Simla against one ‘Cunning’ and also a chess problem composed by him with the task, ‘Mate in 8 with Pawn,’” Manuel Aaron wrote me back in an email.

He also said he and his co-author, V.D. Pandit, have a chess book written in the Urdu language that was published by Mr. Babu in 1901.

“I remember the thick front cover of the book which was rich, embedded with jewelled stones,” Manuel Aaron recalled.

But much to my surprise, they didn’t know anything about Mr. Babu’s invention.

“So far, nobody has even heard of Rajababu’s Automatic Chess Recorder!” Manuel Aaron wrote to me. “He was the aide-de-camp of the Maharaja of Patiala and therefore an important personage in North India, especially the Punjab.”

Manuel Aaron says he has no idea if

Mr. Babu’s automatic chess recorder is still around.

“It would be fascinating to find out what happened with the Automatic Chess Recorder in 1903, but I am in Chennai, far away from Patiala, and am 84,” Manuel Aaron said. “Probably, it could be lying in a museum of the late Maharaja of Patiala, in Patiala. I shall try to get the Punjab State Chess Association interested in this work.”

I contacted the Punjab State Chess Association but didn’t hear back from anyone as of the writing of this article.

But I, too, think it would be fascinating if somehow we could locate the world’s first automatic chess recorder.

But even if no one ever finds it or if it somehow got lost or destroyed, at least we have pictures of it. You can see a picture of it in the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* and, of course, in the drawings that Mr. Babu submitted as part of his application for a U.S. patent.

If you ever want to look up Mr. Babu’s chess invention, or any chess invention or even any invention, go

to <https://patents.google.com/> and type in the words “chess recorder” or just “chess” and look at all the fun, interesting and wacky chess inventions that come up.

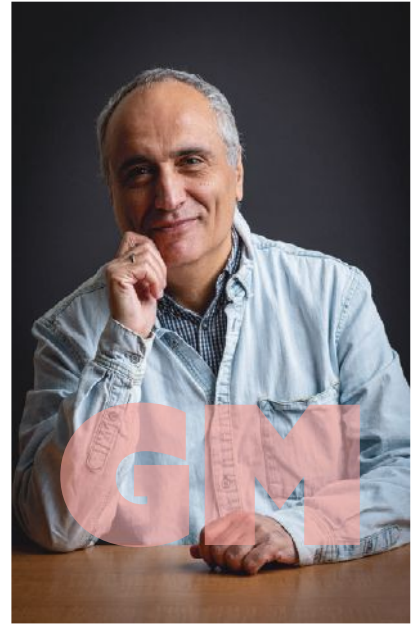
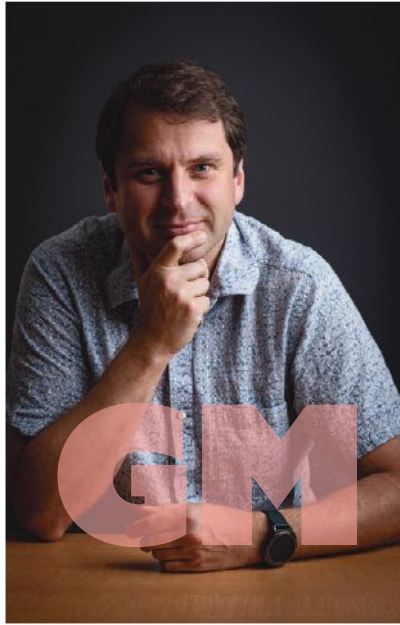
Then, ask yourself, if you could invent something to solve a problem that exists in chess, what would it be?

But before you try to invent anything, you have to do your research to see if anyone has already invented anything like it in the past.

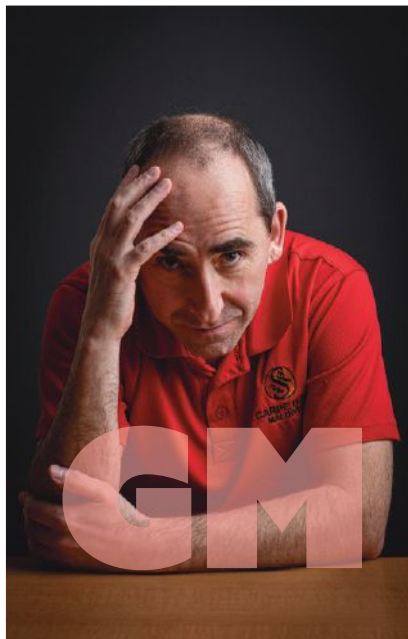
I was going to challenge readers of *Chess Life Kids* to create a virtual chessboard with hologram pieces. But when I did a search for “chess hologram,” I discovered that someone had already executed that idea in 2015.

Dennis Young got a patent for his virtual chess table in 2017. I guess if you’re going to invent a new chess device in the 2020s and beyond, you’re really going to have to step up your game.

But if Mr. Babu came up with an invention that was ahead of its time in 1903, you can do the same thing in 2020. All you have to do is find a problem to solve. Then just imagine!



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THE SCANDINAVIAN DEFENSE

By GM Francesco Rambaldi

A lot of attention is given to the opening variations that top players play in their classical games. That is where they show the very best of their opening preparation and, naturally, many players later follow in their footsteps and turn their ideas into major opening trends. However, I also like to take inspiration from the openings that the best players choose in their rapid and blitz games. In faster time controls, the bar is set lower in terms of viability and soundness, but there is a greater emphasis on the initiative.

1. e4 d5

The Scandinavian Defense has resurfaced in recent months, as GM Magnus Carlsen has been playing it occasionally. In this article, I will give a brief overview of the main themes that Black should be familiar with.

2. exd5 Qxd5

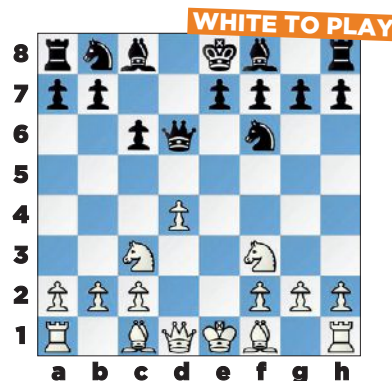
We are always taught to avoid exposing our queen in the opening stages of the game since this will

cause us to lose valuable time in development. While this principle is well founded, there are exceptions to the rule, and the Scandinavian certainly is one. Black is willing to lose time moving his queen around the board because, in return, he opens up the center and challenges White's control of key central squares like d5 and f5.

3. Nc3 Qd6

Black can also retreat his queen to a5, but this move has the world champion's endorsement.

4. d4 Nf6 5. Nf3 c6



We have arrived at the starting position for the 3. ... Qd6 Scandinavian. Before we examine the possible continuations, let's take a moment to discuss the current position. Black wants to play ... Bg4, ... e6 and ... Nbd7. If he is able to do so, he will have a very solid and sound position. Moreover, the semi-open d-file will enable Black to pressure White's center with ... Rd8.

6. Ne5!?

This is a rather ingenious idea: White prevents ... Bg4 and prepares to harass Black's queen. Nevertheless, he is delaying his development by moving his knight for a second time.

6. Bc4 develops the bishop on a seemingly active square, but Black will blunt its range of action with ... e6.

And 6. ... Bg4 7. Be3 e6 8. h3 Bh5 9. g4 Bg6 10. Qe2 Nbd7 was played in GM Ian Nepomniachtchi-GM Magnus Carlsen, Kolkata 2019; 6. g3 is an interesting option: White wants to play Bf4 to chase Black's queen around and develop the bishop on an active square. This causes a slight deviation in our plans: 6. ... Bf5 (6. ... Bg4 would no longer threaten ... Bxf3 since White will be able recapture with the bishop and hold on to the d4-pawn.) 7. Bg2 h6. An important move, preventing White from taking our bishop with Nh4. 8. 0-0 e6 9. Bf4 Qd8. Black will continue with ... Bd6 and then castle. White has a bit more space but he does not have a clear plan.

6. ... Nbd7

Counterattacking in the center!

7. Nc4 Qc7 8. g3 Nb6 9. Ne5 Be6 10. Bg2 g6 is equal.

Black will develop his dark-square bishop on g7 and then pressure the d4-pawn after which ... c6-c5 is a key idea to keep in mind, to contrast White's space advantage.

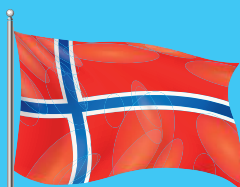
These basic principles should help you get started with the Scandinavian. I hope you will take up this dynamic opening in your tournament games!

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE SCANDINAVIAN DEFENSE

The Scandinavian Defense is arguably the oldest known opening. In 1475, Francesco di Castellví and Narcísó Vinyoles played the opening in Valencia, Spain, in what may be the first recorded game of modern chess. Twenty-two years later, in 1497, it was mentioned by Luis Ramírez de Lucena, a Spanish chess player who published the first still-existing chess book.

The Scandinavian Defense was originally called the Center Counter defense. Some claim the name change came about because Scandinavian masters in the 19th and 20th centuries studied the opening heavily; others attribute the change to two Swedish brothers, Ludvig and Gustav Collijn, who played the opening many times in the 1897 Nordic Championship. Unfortunately, with six losses and two wins between them, they certainly didn't boost its popularity!

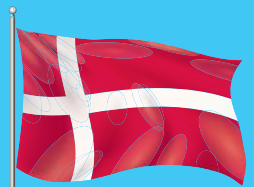
The Scandinavian Defense is gaining traction in modern times, in part because GM Magnus Carlsen has played it occasionally. He won playing the Scandinavian against GM Fabiano Caruana during the sixth round of the 2014 Chess Olympiad at Tromsø, Norway, and he used the opening again to draw with Caruana at the 2016 Chess Olympiad at Baku, Azerbaijan. Not content to deploy it only for classical chess, Carlsen also used the Scandinavian to defeat Viswanathan Anand as black in a blitz game at the 2019 Grand Chess Tour stop in Kolkata, India.



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ANSWERS

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Solution #1: 1. Qxh6 Kxh6 (1. ... Kg8 2. Qg7 mate) 2. Rh1 mate

Solution #2: 1. Qxh6 Bxh6 2. Rxh6 mate

Solution #3: 1. Qxh6 gxh6 2. Bh7 mate

Solution #4: 1. Nf8+ Raxf8 (1. ... Rgxf8 2. Qxh6+ Kxh6 3. Rh4 mate) 2. Qxh6+ Kxh6 3. Rh4 mate

Solution #5: 1. Qxh6+ gxh6 2. g7+ Kxg7 3. Nh5+ Kh8 4. Rxh6 mate

Solution #6: 1. Qh6+ Kxh6 2. Nhf5+ (or 2. Ngf5+) 2. ... Bxf5 3. Nxf5+ Kh5 4. g4+ Kxg4 5. Rg3+ Kh5 6. Be2 mate

The Executive Board authorizes a temporary change in the US Chess Grand Prix (GP) rules for the period March 4, 2020 through May 31, 2020 out of concern for the unforeseeable impacts the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) could have on participation in GP events. The change allows organizers with guaranteed prize funds to change the status of their prize fund without first seeking US Chess permission to make the change. More specifically, organizers who have announced "\$XXX in Guaranteed prizes" (or similar words) for their GP events shall be allowed to re-state their prize funds in their publicity as "\$XXX in Projected prizes based on ### players," where ### represents the number of players in last year's event rounded to the nearest five players. For new GP events lacking historical attendance data, the organizer shall specify a "based on" number of players as part of the Projected Prize Fund language in their publicity. This decision includes all GP tournaments that already have been advertised in *Chess Life*. For any GP events being publicly advertised (whether by TLA, another website, flyers, emails, social media, etc.), organizers shall take all necessary steps to ensure their revised pre-tournament announcements call attention to this change in prize fund status and provide the appropriate "Projected based on XXX players" in the language of their updated publicity. US Chess asks that the chess community support this temporary change in the spirit that it is intended. The Executive Board shall revisit this matter as necessary.



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Organizers and Tournament Directors:

If you would like your tournament listed here in *Chess Life Kids* for June 2020 (events to be held after June 14), the deadline for submitting your announcements is April 10th. The deadline for the August 2020 issue is June 10th. The processing fee is \$1.00 per line for the first eight lines, \$2.00 for every line thereafter. Send your announcements to Joan DuBois, tda@uschess.org. **Display advertising is also available.** Advertising rates are posted on the US Chess website, www.uschess.org, or you may email: tda@uschess.org for complete details.

ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS

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

BLZ:	Blitz rated.
QC:	Quick Chess events.
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\$\$b/x:	Based on prizes, x = number of entries needed to pay full prize fund. At least 50% of the advertised prize fund of \$501 or more must be awarded.
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CC:	Chess club.
dx:	Time delay, x = number of seconds.
+xx:	Time increment, xx = number of seconds added after each move.
EF:	Entry fee.
Ent:	Where to mail entries.
FIDE:	Results submitted to FIDE for possible rating.
G/:	Game in. For instance, G/75 means each side has 75 minutes for the entire game.
GPP:	Grand Prix Points available.
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. req'd:	Membership required; cost follows. Usually refers to state affiliate.
Open:	A section open to all. Often has very strong players, but some eligible for lower sections can play for the learning experience.
Quad:	4-player round robin sections; similar strength players.
RBO:	Rated Beginner's Open.
Rds:	Rounds; scheduled game times follow. For example, 11-5, 9-3 means games begin 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. on the first day, 9 a.m. & 3 p.m. on the second day.
Reg:	Registration at site.
RR:	Round robin (preceded by number of rounds).
SD/:	Sudden-death time control (time for rest of game follows). For example, 30/90, SD/1 means each player must make 30 moves in 90 minutes, then complete the rest of the game in an hour.
SS:	Swiss-System pairings (preceded by number of rounds).
Unr:	Unrated.
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Apr. 24-26, Florida

2020 National Junior High School (K-9) Championship
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US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

May 8-10, Tennessee

2020 National Elementary (K-6) Championship
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May 23-25, Arizona

2020 U.S. Amateur West Championship

Tucson Woman's Club, 6245 E. Bellevue St., Tucson, AZ 85712. **SECTIONS:** Championship (U2200), Reserve (U1600), Booster (U1200), **SCHEDULE:** (Championship & Reserve) 6/SS; 40/90, G/30, Inc/30; Rds.: 10-4, 10-4, 9-3. (Booster) 6/SS, Game/60, Inc/30; Rds.: (Sat) 10-1:30-5, (Sun) 10-1:30-5. **PRIZES:** (Championship) Digital Clock + plaque to 1st and 2nd Place, Plaque + \$50 SACA Gift Certificate to 3rd Place; Trophy + \$50 SACA Gift Certificate to Top Senior 50+, Top Junior U14, Top Service Person/Veteran. (Reserve) Digital chess clock + plaque to 1st - 2nd Place. Plaque + \$40 SACA Gift Certificate to 3rd Place. Trophy + \$25 SACA Gift Certificate to Top 1200-1399, and U1200. Trophy + \$25 SACA Gift Certificate to Top Senior 50+, Top Junior U14, Top Service Person/Veteran. (Booster) Digital chess clock + trophy to 1st. Trophy + \$25 SACA Gift Certificate to 2nd Place. Trophy to 3rd - 5th Place. Trophy to Top Junior U11. (Scholastic, each day) Trophies to 1st-5th Place. Top overall scholastic player (over both days) wins entry to one SACA Tournament. **SPECIAL PRIZES:** 1st Place in Championship will receive FREE ENTRY to the 2020 Ye Olde Pueblo and 2021 Tucson Open. 1st Place in Reserve will receive FREE ENTRY to the 2020 Ye Olde Pueblo. Top 2 Family Pair Championship, Reserve, and/or Booster sections. Biggest Upset of each round 1-5 (Championship, Reserve, or Booster only) **EF:** (Championship & Reserve) \$65 if rec'd by 4/29, \$75 if after 4/29 or \$85 at the site. (Booster) \$45 if rec'd by 4/29, \$55 if after 4/29 or \$65 at the site. **SIDE EVENTS:** Saturday Scholastic (each day) (K-6 and U1000 rating), Saturday and Sunday 5/23 & 5/24 at 10:30am, Reg.: 8:30 - 9:30, GAME/40 d5; 4 rounds. **EF:** (each day) \$25 by 4/29, \$35 if after 4/29 or \$45 at the site; Sunday Scholastic tournament (K-6 and U1000 rating); Discount! Play both Saturday and Sunday for only \$40 if received by 4/29, \$55 if after 4/29 or at the site. **ENTER:** <http://events4chess.com> or mail to: (make checks payable to "SACA"): 2020 US Amateur West, PO Box 40663, Tucson, AZ 85717 or at site. **HR:** Sonesta ES Suites, 6477 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson, AZ 520-721-0991, 8-minute walk to site; \$89 up to 2 in a studio suite (+10 ea. for 3-4), \$139 up to 6 in a 2BR suite, breakfast included! Book by 5/8/20, ask for chess rate. Rates valid 5/22-5/26. Embassy Suites East, 6555 E. Speedway Blvd., (520) 721-7100, \$94 if reserved by 4/23/20. **INFO:** Martha Underwood 520-990-6765 or Michelle Martinez 520-615-1308, email: information@sazchess.org, web: www.events4chess.com.

A Heritage Event!

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

May 23-25 or 24-26, New Jersey

76th Annual U.S. Amateur East Championship

6-SS, 40/2 d5, SD-30. Hyatt Morristown, 3 Speedwell Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960. For chess rate (\$139 per night base), details at www.njscf.org or book at <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/MORRM/G-NJC7> or call Phone: 973-647-1234, mention NJ Chess. Free parking during the day (\$10 overnight), public transportation to NYC, Philadelphia. Walking distance to 30 restaurants, shops and parks within 5 minute stroll. **In 3 sections: Championship** (under 2200); **Reserve** (under 1800); **Booster** (under 1400); 2-day and 3-day schedules available. **3-Day Registration:** Saturday, May 23, 9:30-10:45 am. Rounds: 12-6pm, 11-5pm, 8:30am-2:15pm. 2-Day Registration: Sunday, May 24, 8:30-9:30 am. **2-day Schedule:** First 3 games, May 26, G/60 d5. Rounds: 10:12, 12:15, 2:30. All schedules merge in round 4. Prizes for each section: trophies to top 5 and top Senior 55/over and Juniors under 16 and 13. Additional Prizes—Championship Section: Trophies to top Under 2000, Under 1900 Reserve Section: Trophies to top Under 1600, Under 1500. Booster Section: Trophies to top Under 1200, Under 1100, Under 1000, Under 900, Under 800. **EF:** \$49, if postmarked by May 15. EF at site \$60 **cash only.** Byes: 3 half-point byes allowed in rounds 1-5 if requested before round 2. Sets and clocks NOT provided. **Entries To:** Aaron Kiedes, 34 Union Rd., Wantage, NJ 07461. Email akiedes@gmail.com for more information. Entries must include name, USCF ID and expiration date, mailing address, email address, phone number, Section and entry fee. Checks made out to NJSCF. NO PHONE OR EMAIL ENTRIES. Online entries \$52 at www.njscf.org after 4-15-20 until 5-21-20 at midnight. W.

A Heritage Event!

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

June 5-7, California, Southern

2020 U.S. Junior Open Championship

6SS, G/90 + 30 second increment from move one. Sheraton Fairplex Hotel & Conference Center, 601 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA 91768. Hotel rate \$165 single-quad, mention "US Chess". Reserve by May 12 or rate may increase. All rooms have refrigerators, microwaves and sofa beds; each room can sleep 4 people! Fairplex Conference Center (playing venue) is approximately 300 feet from the Sheraton Hotel. **Four sections:** Under 21, Under 15, Under 11, Under 8. Eligibility based on age as of January 1, 2020. **Schedule:** Opening ceremony Friday 12:45pm. Rounds Friday at 1:00pm and 7:00pm, Saturday at 10:00am and 4:00pm, Sunday at 9:00am and 3:00pm. Awards ceremony: ASAP after all games in US Junior Open are complete (approximately 8:00pm). **Under 21: Individual** – Plaques to top 5 overall. Plaques to top age 18, 17, 16, 15. First place wins title of 2020 US Junior Open Champion and \$500. First place also qualifies for 2021 US Junior Invitational (if USA player). If 2 or more USA players tie for first, top 2 on tiebreaks play a one-game Armageddon playoff at G/10, d0 for US Junior Invitational qualifier. Players bid for starting time; low bid gets bidded time, Black and draw odds. Tiebreaks as in US Chess Scholastic Regulation 20.3.1. If no USA player ties for first, the event will not send a qualifier to US Junior Invitational. All players tied for first recognized as US Junior Open Co-Champions, and money is shared among co-champions. **Team** – Plaques to top 3 teams. **Under 15: Individual** – Plaques to top 10 overall, top age 14, 13, 12. **Team** – plaques to top 3 teams. **Under 11: Individual** – Plaques to top 10 overall, top age 10, 9, 8. **Team** – plaques to top 3 teams. **Under 8: Individual** – Plaques to top 10 overall, top age 7, 6, Under

Tournament Life

6. Team —plaques to top 3 teams. **Team prizes, all sections:** top 3 scores count. Club teams are eligible for team prizes, per US Chess Scholastic Regulation 14.2. Notation is NOT required for Under 8 section. **Half-Point Byes:** must commit before Round 2; maximum one half-point bye allowed. Zero-point byes are always available in any round if requested at *least one hour before the round(s) in question*. **Entry Fee:** \$60 online or postmarked by 4/20. \$70 online or postmarked by 5/4. \$80 online or postmarked by 5/20. \$100 online or postmarked after 5/20 or at site. All phone entries: add \$10. No phone entries after 4PM Central 6/4! Free entry for GMs and WGMs. Onsite entries after 11am Friday 6/5 will take a half-point bye for round 1. Current US Chess membership good through at least 6/30/2020 required. **May Rating Supplement used;** unofficial ratings (at least four games) used if otherwise unrated. Players must disclose ratings other than US Chess at time of entry. **US Chess reserves the right to assign ratings for pairing and prize purposes.** The US Chess Scholastic Regulations govern the US Junior Open; see www.uschess.org/images/stories/scholastic_chess_resources/2019-2020_uschess_scholasticregs_final_8-27-2019.pdf for complete regulations. **Special prizes: at least 2 brilliancy prizes for best games by female players!** These prizes may be won in addition to other prizes. Judge: WGM Jennifer Shahade. See tournament website for more details. **Entries:** US Chess, ATTN: 2020 U.S. Junior Open, PO Box 3967, Crossville, TN 38557. Online entry available, see website. Phone entry: 800.903.8723. **NOT FIDE rated. Electronic Device Policy in effect — see <https://new.uschess.org/news/electronic-device-policy-national-events-organized-us-chess/>** / US Chess-supplied notation sheets are the ONLY notation method permitted for the US Junior Open; see Scholastic Regulation 19.2 for exception process. Bring a clock — none supplied. Sets/boards supplied for tournament but not for skillies. **Please check the U.S. Junior Open website often for updates, side events, added attractions and other useful information!** www.uschess.org/tournaments/2020/jropen/

An American Classic!

A Heritage Event!

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

June 24-28, 25-28, 26-28 or 27-28, Nevada

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 300 (Enhanced)

2020 National Open

Open Section June 24-28: 9-SS, 40/90, SD/30, +30. GM & IM norms possible. **Under Sections June 25-28, 26-28 or 27-28:** 7-SS, 40/90, SD/30, +30 (3-day rounds 1-2 G/60, +10, 2-day rounds 1-4 G/30, +5). **Beginners Sections June 26, 27 and 28:** 6-SS G/30, +5. Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino. **\$\$100,000 Guaranteed Prize Fund** will not be reduced! In 8 sections, top 3 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** divided among GMs, WGMs and foreign IMs winning less than \$250 and playing 9 rounds. 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:** \$5,000-2,500-1,250-600-350-300-250-250-250-250. **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. **Under 1300:** \$2000-1,000-500-300-250-250-250, top under 1000 (no provisional) \$900. Provisionally rated players may not win an amount greater than 40% of top prize in any under section; balance goes to next player(s) in line. **Beginners** (unrated or provisionally rated 1300 or lower): 3 schedules with 6 rounds per day \$200-125-75 each day plus \$300 overall (best 2 results). Unrated players may play only in Beginners or Open Section. **Plus-Score Bonus:** (\$12,000 guaranteed) in addition to any other prizes, every player with a plus score 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. Average rating below 2200, teammates may play in different sections, only rounds 1-7 count for Open Section or best day for Beginners. **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). June FIDE ratings used in Open section, June US Chess ratings in all other sections. CCA minimum ratings or other ratings may be used if higher. **EF Open:** \$239 by 4/30, \$259 by 5/31, \$279 later. \$150 more for players not rated 2200 or above. GM, WGM & foreign IM free. \$80 less for IM or WIM. Under sections: \$239 by 4/30, \$259 by 5/31, \$279 later. **Beginners:** \$129 1 day, \$189 2 days, \$229 3 days. \$30 more after 5/31. All: Early Bird Loyalty discount \$40 less for players who have played in any of the last 10 National Opens and enter before 1/31; Senior (over 65) \$40 less by 5/31; \$21 more on site. 5-day schedule: **Reg:** Wednesday 4-5 p.m. **Rds:** 6:30, 12-6:30, 12-6:30, 10-4:30, 10-4:30. 4-day schedule: **Reg:** Thursday 2-5 p.m. **Rds:** 6:30, 12-6:30, 10-4:30, 10-4:30. 3-day schedule: **Reg:** Friday 9-10:30 a.m. **Rds:** 11:30-2:30 then merge with 4-day in round 3 at 6:30. 2-day schedule: **Reg:** Saturday 8-8:30 a.m. **Rds:** 9:30-11-1-2:30 then merge with 4-day in round 5 at 4:30. Half point byes available in any round if requested at least 2 hours in advance; Sunday byes must be requested before the start of round 4 and may not be cancelled. Chess sets and boards provided for tournament play only, not for skillies. 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.** **Grandmaster Simuls and Chess Camp** for all ages on Thursday. **U.S. Women's Open** Wednesday and Thursday. **Walter Browne Memorial Blitz** Sunday 10:30 p.m. **Action Quads** Thursday. **Blitz** Sectionals Friday & Saturday. **Poker Tournament** Monday Morning. **Don't be shut out** - make your reservations early and be sure to ask for the **CHESS** group (SVCFOR) rates — \$70 single or double (\$97 Friday and Saturday nights) guarantees a premium room with new furniture, refrigerator, flat screen TV and more. The discounted \$15 resort fee includes access to the Fitness Center, free Wi-Fi, in-room safe, and shuttle to Downtown and the Strip. **Cutoff for special hotel rate is June 3; after that rates will increase significantly and there may not be any rooms available.** (800) 732-7117 or www.VegasChess-Festival.com/hotel. **ENT:** Vegas Chess Festivals, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925, online at www.VegasChessFestival.com. Info: (702) 930-9550. FIDE. W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

July 4-5, Pennsylvania

2020 U.S. Blind Chess Championship

4 SS, 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:** \$1. **Reg:** Onsite - Sat. 4 July: 9-9:45am or online at website: www.relyeatchess.com. **Rds:** Sat. 10-4, Sun. 10-4. **Prize Fund:** \$1,400 GTD: 1st: \$400, 2nd: \$300, 3rd: \$200, 4th: \$100, \$100-Best player U1400, \$100- Class E (1000-1199), \$100- Under 1000, \$100- Upset Prize. **NOTE:** All 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, td@relyeatchess.com. Phone: 603-716-3040 or Joan DuBois, tia@uschess.org, (c) 931-200-3412 and leave message.

July 17, North Carolina

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 10

2020 U.S. G/10 Championship (BLZ)

6 rounds, G/10 d0. Hilton Charlotte University Place Hotel, 8629 JM Keynes Rd., Charlotte, NC — 704-547-7444 and mention chess tournament, or reserve online at www.charlottechesscenter.org/usblitzrapid. Hotel rooms \$109-\$109, reserve by July 5. Free parking, free internet. **\$1000 guaranteed prize fund** in one section. **G/10 National Championship:** \$300 — 200 — 100, top Under 2200 \$100, top Under 1900 \$100, top Under 1600 \$100, top Under 1300/Unrated \$100. Plaque and 2020 U.S. G/10 National Champion title to first place. 2019 U.S. G/10 Champion (Charlotte): GM Illia Nyzhnyk (2752). US Chess Blitz rated, July USCF regular ratings used for pairings and prizes. Up to 3 byes available, request at registration. Rounds Friday 7:30pm then ASAP. **Registration:** \$30 online at www.charlottechesscenter.org/usblitzrapid or check mailed to Charlotte Chess Center, 10700 Kettering Dr., Suite E, Charlotte, NC 28226 by Tuesday July 14. \$40 after 7/14 or on-site. GMs, IMs, WGMs free, \$30 from prize. Boards and sets provided, please bring clocks. Info and registration: www.charlottechesscenter.org/usblitzrapid, grant@charlottechesscenter.org.

July 18, North Carolina

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 20

2020 U.S. G/30 Championship

5 rounds, G/30 d5. Hilton Charlotte University Place Hotel, 8629 JM Keynes Rd., Charlotte, NC — 704 547 7444 and mention chess tournament, or reserve online at www.charlottechesscenter.org/usblitzrapid. Hotel rooms \$109-\$109, reserve by July 5. Free parking, free internet. **\$3000 guaranteed prize fund** in three sections. **G/30 National Championship:** \$600 — 300 — 200, top Under 2000 \$1000. **Under 1800:** \$500 — 250 — 150, top Under 1600 \$100. **Under 1400:** \$400 — 200 — 100, top Under 1200 \$100. **Under 800 Scholastic (K-12):** Entry Fee \$30, Trophies to top 8, same playing schedule as main tournament. Plaque and 2020 U.S. G/30 National Champion title to first place in Championship section. 2019 U.S. G/30 Champion (Charlotte): GM Alexander Ipatov (2713). Rated players may play up if within 100 points of next section, unrated players must play Under 1400 or U800 Scholastic section. Up to 2 byes available, request at registration. Rounds Saturday 10am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 3:00pm, 4:30pm. **Registration:** \$60 online at www.charlottechesscenter.org/usblitzrapid or check mailed to Charlotte Chess Center, 10700 Kettering Dr., Suite E, Charlotte, NC 28226 by Tuesday July 14. \$10 early discount if also entering G/60 Championship Sunday, \$10 discount if staying at official hotel. \$75 after 7/14 or on-site. U800 Scholastic \$30 entry fee. GMs, IMs, WGMs free, \$50 from prize. Boards and sets provided, please bring clocks. Info and registration: www.charlottechesscenter.org/usblitzrapid, grant@charlottechesscenter.org.

July 19, North Carolina

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 20

2020 U.S. G/60 Championship

4 rounds, G/60 d5. Hilton Charlotte University Place Hotel, 8629 JM Keynes Rd., Charlotte, NC — 704 547 7444 and mention chess tournament, or reserve online at www.charlottechesscenter.org/usblitzrapid. Hotel rooms \$109-\$109, reserve by July 5. Free parking, free internet. **\$4000 guaranteed prize fund** in four sections. **G/60 National Championship:** \$700 — 400 — 200, top Under 2100 \$1000. **Under 1900:** \$500 — 250 — 150, top Under 1750 \$100. **Under 1600:** \$400 — 200 — 100, top Under 1450 \$100. **Under 1300:** \$400 — 200 — 100, top Under 1100 \$100. Plaque and 2019 U.S. G/60 National Champion title to first place in Championship section. 2019 U.S. G/60 Champions (Charlotte): GM Illia Nyzhnyk (2752), GM Alexander Ipatov (2713), GM Mackenzie Molner (2545). Rated players may play up if within 100 points of next section, unrated players must play Under 1300 section. Up to 2 byes available, request at registration. Rounds Sunday 10am, 1pm, 3:30pm, 6pm. **Registration:** \$60 online at www.charlottechesscenter.org/usblitzrapid or check mailed to Charlotte Chess Center, 10700 Kettering Dr., Suite E, Charlotte, NC 28226 by Tuesday July 14. \$10 discount on early entry fee if also entering G/30 Championship Saturday, \$10 discount if staying at official hotel. \$75 after 7/14 or on-site. GMs, IMs, WGMs free, \$50 from prize. Boards and sets provided, please bring clocks. Info and registration: www.charlottechesscenter.org/usblitzrapid, grant@charlottechesscenter.org.

GRAND PRIX

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Apr. 4-5, California, Northern

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 30 (Enhanced)

Alan Kirshner Championship (SSS, G/90 +30)

Convention Center, Santa Clara 95054. Park free. **Prizes:** \$6,000 b/117, 60% guaranteed, 3 sects: **2000+** (FIDE) \$1,000-500-200, u2300: 400-200-100. **1600-1999:** \$700-300-100, u1800: 400-200-100, u1600: \$600-300-100 u1400: 300-100, u1200: 300-100. Unr max \$200 exc Open. Apr 20 Supp & TD disc. **Reg:** Sat 9-9:15a. **Rds:** Sat 9:30-1:50-6:10, Su 10-2:30. **EF:** 99, Econ EF: 79 w/1/2 pr. (+21 after 80% full, & onsite); play +25, GMs/IMs = \$0 by 3/25. **Info:** www.bayareachess.com/champs. W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Apr. 18-19, California, Northern

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced)

GM Walter Browne Memorial Championship (SSS, G/90 +30)

Santa Clara Marriott, 2700 Mission College Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95054. **Prizes:** \$56,000 b/117. 4 sects. **2000+** (FIDE): \$1,000-400-100, u2200 \$200-100. **1700-1999:** \$800-200 u1600 \$400-100. **1400-1699:** \$800-200 u1500 \$400-100. **u1400:** \$700-100 u1600 \$300-100. Unr max \$200 exc Open. Apr 20 Supp & TD disc. **Reg:** Sat 9-9:15a. **Rds:** Sat 9:30-1:50-6:10, Su 10-2:30. **EF:** 99, Econ EF: 79 w/1/2 pr. (+21 after 80% full, & onsite); play +25, GMs/IMs = \$0 by 4/8. **Info:** www.bayareachess.com/champs. W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

May 2-3, California, Northern

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced)

Frisco Del Rosario Championship (SSS, G/90 +30)

Pleasanton Four Points, 5115 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94588. Park free. **Prizes:** \$6,000 b/117. 4 sects. **2000+** (FIDE): \$1,000-400-100, u2200 \$200-100. **1700-1999:** \$800-200 u1600 \$400-100. **1400-1699:** \$800-200 u1500 \$400-100. **u1400:** \$700-100 u1600 \$300-100. Unr max \$200 exc Open. May 20 Supp & TD disc. **Reg:** Sat 9-9:15a. **Rds:** Sat 9:30-1:50-6:10, Su 10-2:30. **EF:** 99, Econ EF: 79 w/1/2 pr. (+21 after 80% full, & onsite); play +25, GMs/IMs = \$0 by 4/8. **Info:** www.bayareachess.com/champs. W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

May 23-25 or 24-25, California, Northern

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 50

Best of the West Class Championship (7SS, G/90 +30)

Santa Clara Convention Center, CA 95054. Park free. **Prizes:** \$20,000 b/297 (65% guar.), 7 sects. **M (2200+ FIDE):** \$2,000-1,000-200 (u2300 \$500-200). **X (2000-2199 FIDE):** \$1700-800-200 (u2100 \$400-200). **A (1800-1999 FIDE):** \$1500-700-200 (u1900 \$300-200). **B (1600-1799):** \$1500-700-200 (u1900 \$300-200). **C (1400-1599):** \$1200-600-200 (u1500 \$300-200). **D (1200-1399):** \$1100-500-200 (u1300 \$300-200). **Eu (u1200):** \$1000-500-200 (u1100 \$300-200). Unr max \$300 exc Open. May 20 Supp & TD disc. **Reg:** online & onsite (Sat 1-1:30pm & Sun 8-8:30am). **Rds:** Fri 2-6:30, Sat 9:30-2-6:30, Sun 10-2:30. **2-day Rds:** Sat 9-11:20-1:40-4 (G/55 d5 & merge Rd. 5). **EF:** 133, Econ EF: 107 w/1/2 pr. (+15 after 5/20, +25 onsite); play +25; GMs/IMs = \$0 by 5/13. **Info/Reg:** BayAreaChess.com/bestwest. W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

June 5-7 or 6-7, California, Southern

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 80 (Enhanced)

Pomona Classic

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US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

June 6-7, California, Northern

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 15

Elizabeth Shaughnessy Championship (SSS, G/90 +30)

Santa Clara Convention Center, CA 95054. Park free. **Prizes:** \$6,000 b/117. 4 sects. **2000+** (FIDE): \$1,000-400-100, u2100 \$200. **1700-1999:** \$1000-200 u1800 \$300-100. **1400-1699:** \$800-200 u1500 \$300-100. **u1400:** \$800-100 u1600 \$300-100. Unr max \$200 exc Open. Jun 20 Supp & TD disc. **Reg:** Sat 9-9:15a. **Rds:** Sat 9:30-1:50-6:10, Su 10-2:30. **EF:** 99, Econ EF: 79 w/1/2 pr. (+15 after 5/20, +21 onsite); play +20, GMs/IMs = \$0 by 5/27. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/champs. W.

June 24-28, 25-28, 26-28 or 27-28, Nevada

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 300 (Enhanced)

2020 National Open

See Nationals.

July 17, North Carolina

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 10

2020 U.S. G/10 Championship (BLZ)

See Nationals.

July 18, North Carolina

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 20
2020 U.S. G/30 Championship
See Nationals.

July 19, North Carolina

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 20
2020 U.S. G/60 Championship
See Nationals.

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Arizona

May 23-25, 2020 U.S. Amateur West Championship
See Nationals.

California, Northern

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Apr. 4, Foster City Swiss61 (4SS, G/61 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, 550 Shell Blvd., Foster City, CA 94404. Park free. **Prizes:** \$1,400 b/50. **3 Sections:** 1800+, 1400-1799, u1400. **Reg.:** 8:30-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-11:30-2-4:30. **EF:** 55, Econ 40 w 1/2 prz. (+20 after 80% full, & onsite); playup +20, GMs/IMs = \$0 by 3/25. **Info:** www.bayareachess.com/1day. W.

Apr. 4, Palo Alto Kids Quads (PK-12, 3RR, G/30 d5)

UUC, 505 E. Charleston Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94306. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Must check-in 11:30-11:45 or no game.** Games 12-2:30. **EF:** 33 (+15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

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

Fairfield Inn, 1755 N. 1st St., San Jose, CA 95112. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, Medals to others. **Reg.:** 9-9:15a, **Rds.:** 9:30a-1:30p. **EF:** 39 (+15 playup, +15 after 80% full, & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 4, San Jose Kids Quads (PK-12, 3RR, G/30 d5)

Fairfield, 1755 N. 1st St., San Jose, CA 95112. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, Medals to others. **Must check-in 1:30-2 or no game.** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** 33 (+15 after 80% full, & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 4, SJC Airport Chess4Less CashDay Swiss45 (4SS, G/45 d5)

Fairfield Inn, 1755 N. 1st St., San Jose, CA 95112. Park Free. **Prizes:** \$600 b/28. Players may be split into 2 sections based on rating. **Reg.:** 8:30-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-11-1-3. **EF:** 43, Econ 33 w 1/2 prz (+9 after 4/1, +15 onsite), GMs/IMs = \$0 by 3/25. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/cashday. W.

Apr. 4-5, Alan Kirshner Chess Championship (5SS, G/90 +30)

See Grand Prix.

Apr. 5, Cupertino Swiss45 (4SS, G/45 d5)

Juniper, 10050 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. Park free. **Prizes:** \$1,400 b/50. **3 Sections:** 1800+, 1400-1799, u1400. **Reg.:** 8:30-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-11-1-3. **EF:** 55, Econ 40 w 1/2 prz (+20 after 80% full, & onsite); playup +20, GMs/IMs = \$0 by 3/25. **Info:** www.bayareachess.com/1day. W.

Apr. 5, Cupertino Kids Swiss (PK-12, 4SS, G/30 d5)

Juniper, 10050 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Reg.:** 9-9:15a, **Rds.:** 9:30a-1:30p. **EF:** 39 (+15 playup, +15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 5, Cupertino Kids Quads (PK-12, 3RR, G/30 d5)

Juniper, 10050 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Must check-in 1:30-2 or no game.** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** 33 (+15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 5, Chess4Less San Jose Kids Swiss (PK-12, 4SS, G/30 d5)

2050 Concourse Dr. #42, San Jose, CA 95131. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Reg.:** 9-9:15a, **Rds.:** 9:30a-1:30p. **EF:** 33 (+15 playup, +15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 5, Chess4Less San Jose Kids Quads (PK-12, 3RR, G/30 d5)

2050 Concourse Dr. #42, San Jose, CA 95131. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Must check-in 1:30-2 or no game.** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** 27 (+15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 11, Chess4Less San Jose Swiss90 (3SS, G/90 d5)

BayAreaChess Office, 2050 Concourse Dr. #42, San Jose, CA 95131. Park Free. **Prizes:** \$1,000 b/53. **3 Sections:** 1800+, 1400-1799, u1400. **Reg.:** 8:30-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-12:30-4. **EF:** 43 only, Econ 33 w 1/2 prz (+20 after 80% full & onsite); playup +20, GMs/IMs = \$0 by 4/1. **Info:** www.bayareachess.com/cashday. W.

Apr. 11, Palo Alto Kids Swiss (PK-12, 4SS, G/30 d5)

Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 E. Charleston Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94306. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Reg.:** 9-9:15a, **Rds.:** 9:30a-1:30p. **EF:** 39 (+15 playup, +15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 11, San Francisco Swiss - Apr #1 (PK-12)

Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, 57 Post Street (4th fl.), San Francisco, CA 94104. 4SS, G/30 d5. **Sections:** 700+, 400-699, u400. Apr 20 suppl. **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 5 each section, medals to others. **Entry:** \$35, playup: \$10, late fee: \$10 after 4/8. **Reg.:** 9:30-9:45am. **Rounds:** 10-2pm. Contact: chessroom@mililibrary.org, chessclub.org. W.

Apr. 12, Fremont Swiss75 (3SS, G/75 d5)

Fremont Marriott, 46100 Landing Pkwy., Fremont, CA 94538. Park free. **Prizes:** \$1,400 b/50. **3 Sections:** 1800+, 1400-1799, u1400. **Reg.:** 8:30-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-12-3. **EF:** 55, Econ 40 w 1/2 prz. (+20 after 80% full & onsite); playup +20, GMs/IMs = \$0 by 4/2. **Info:** www.bayarea chess.com/cashday. W.

Apr. 12, Fremont Kids Swiss (PK-12, 4SS, G/30 d5)

Fremont Marriott, 46100 Landing Pkwy., Fremont, CA 94538. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Reg.:** 9-9:15a, **Rds.:** 9:30a-1:30p. **EF:** 39 (+15 playup, +15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 12, Fremont Kids Quads (PK-12, 3RR, G/30 d5)

Fremont Marriott, 46100 Landing Pkwy., Fremont, CA 94538. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Must check-in 1:30-2 or no game.** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** 33 (+15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 12, Chess4Less San Jose Kids Swiss (PK-12, 4SS, G/30 d5)

BayAreaChess Office, 2050 Concourse Dr. #42, San Jose, CA 95131. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Reg.:** 9-9:15a, **Rds.:** 9:30a-1:30p. **EF:** 33 (+15 playup, +15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.bayareachess.com/signature/yAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 12, Chess4Less San Jose Kids Quads (PK-12, 3RR, G/30 d5)

BayAreaChess Office, 2050 Concourse Dr. #42, San Jose, CA 95131. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Must check-in 1:30-2 or no game.** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** 27 (+15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 18, Palo Alto Kids Quads (PK-12, 3RR, G/30 d5)

Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 E. Charleston Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94306. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Must check-in 11:30-11:45 or no game.** Games 12-2:30. **EF:** 33 (+15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 18-19, GM Walter Browne Memorial Championship (5SS, G/90 +30)

See Grand Prix.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Apr. 18-19, Mechanics' Institute Weekend Tournament (4SS, G/90 +30)

Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, 57 Post Street (4th fl.), San Francisco, CA 94104. 4SS, G/90 +30. **Sections & Prizes:** Total \$720/b40. **1800+ (FIDE):** \$240 \$120 \$85; **u1800:** \$150 \$65 \$60. Mar 20 suppl. **Entry:** \$45, \$40 MI members, play-up: \$10 (if rating 1600+), late fee: \$5 after 3/4. **Reg.:** Sat 9-9:45am. **Rounds:** Sat 10a, 2:30p, Sun 11a, 3:30p. Contact: chessroom@mililibrary.org, chessclub.org. W.

Apr. 19, Cupertino Swiss45 (4SS, G/45 d5)

Cupertino Juniper Hilton, 10050 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. Park free. **Prizes:** \$1,400 b/50. **3 Sections:** 1800+, 1400-1799, u1400. **Reg.:** 8:30-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-11-1-3. **EF:** 55, Econ 40 w 1/2 prz. (+20 after 80% full & onsite); playup +20, GMs/IMs = \$0 by 4/9. **Info:** www.bayareachess.com/cashday. W.

Apr. 19, Cupertino Kids Swiss (PK-12, 4SS, G/30 d5)

Cupertino Juniper Hilton, 10050 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Reg.:** 9-9:15a, **Rds.:** 9:30a-1:30p. **EF:** 39 (+15 playup, +15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 19, Cupertino Kids Quads (PK-12, 3RR, G/30 d5)

Cupertino Juniper Hilton, 10050 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Must check-in 1:30-2 or no game.** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** 33 (+15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 19, Chess4Less San Jose Kids Quads (PK-12, 3RR, G/30 d5)

BayAreaChess Office, 2050 Concourse Dr. #42, San Jose, CA 95131. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Must check-in 1:30-2 or no game.** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** 27 (+15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.bayareachess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 25, Palo Alto Kids Quads (PK-12, 3RR, G/30 d5)

Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 E. Charleston Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94306. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Must check-in 11:30-11:45 or no game.** Games 12-2:30. **EF:** 33 (+15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Apr. 25-26, Susan Polgar Foundation World Open for Girls and Boys

Qualifier for the SPF Girls Invitational 2020. **MAIN EVENT:** Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, CA 95005. Free Parking. \$100,000+ in prizes (trophies, chess prizes, & scholarships) to individuals. Individual Trophies 1-6th place per section, trophies to unrated 1-3place, School team trophies awarded to Top 3 teams in each section. **8 SECTIONS** based on grade and gender: Boys and Girls- K-2, Gr 3-5, Gr 6-8, Gr 9-12. **K-Grade2 and Grade 3-5: TIME CONTROLS:** G/30;d5. **Rounds:** SAT 9:30AM, 11AM, 12:30PM, 1:50PM, 3:10PM. **Grade 6-8 and Grade 9-12: TIME CONTROLS:** G/75 d5. **Rounds:** SAT 11AM, 3:10PM SUN 9AM, 12:30PM, 3:30PM. **ENTRY FEES:** \$49 if registered by 4/15. \$60 if by 4/24. \$80 onsite. **SIDE EVENTS:** Sat, 4/25: **Puzzle Competition** (one section). 5:30pm Top 10 get trophies. \$20 if by 4/24, \$25 onsite. **Blitz Tournament.** Sat 4/25: **6:30PM. G/5+0. 2 sections:** K-Gr5, Gr6-12: Trophies to Top 5. \$20 if by 4/24, \$25 onsite. USCF Membership required for all sections and blitz tournament. April 2020 Suppl used. TD discretion to place players accurately. **HOTEL:** Special Room Rate \$99 @ Biltmore. **More Info & Flyer or Register Online:** www.spfwo.com Questions? contact@spfwfo.com

Apr. 26, Pleasanton Swiss45 (4SS, G/45 d5)

Pleasanton Four Points, 5115 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94588. Park Free. **Prizes:** \$1,400 b/50. **3 Sections:** 1800+, 1400-1799, u1400. **Reg.:** 8:30-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-11-1-3. **EF:** 55, Econ 40 w 1/2 prz. (+20 after 80% full, & onsite); playup +20, GMs/IMs = \$0 by 4/16. **Info:** www.bayareachess.com/cashday. W.

Apr. 26, Pleasanton Kids Swiss (PK-12, 4SS, G/30 d5)

Pleasanton Four Points, 5115 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94588. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, Medals to others. **Reg.:** 9-9:15a, **Rds.:** 9:30a-1:30p. **EF:** 39 (+15 playup, +15 after 80% full, & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 26, Pleasanton Kids Quads (PK-12, 3RR, G/30 d5)

Pleasanton Four Points, 5115 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94588. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, Medals to others. **Must check-in**

1:30-2 or no game. Games 2:15-5. **EF:** 33 (+15 after 80% full, & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 26, Cupertino City Swiss75 (3SS, G/75 d5)

Cupertino Juniper Hilton, 10050 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. Park free. **Prizes:** \$1,400 b/50. **3 Sections:** 1800+, 1400-1799, u1400. **Reg.:** 8:30-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-11-1-3. **EF:** 55, Econ 40 w 1/2 prz. (+20 after 80% full, & onsite); playup +20, GMs/IMs = \$0 by 4/16. **Info:** www.bayareachess.com/cashday. W.

Apr. 26, Cupertino Kids Swiss (PK-12, 4SS, G/30 d5)

Cupertino Juniper Hilton, 10050 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Reg.:** 9-9:15a, **Rds.:** 9:30a-1:30p. **EF:** 39 (+15 playup, +15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 26, Cupertino Kids Quads (PK-12, 3RR, G/30 d5)

Cupertino Juniper Hilton, 10050 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Must check-in 1:30-2 or no game.** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** 33 (+15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Apr. 26, Fremont Swiss61 (4SS, G/61 d5)

Fremont Marriott, 46100 Landing Pkwy., Fremont, CA 94538. Park free. **Prizes:** \$1,400 b/50. **3 Sections:** 1800+, 1400-1799, u1400. **Reg.:** 8:30-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-11:30-2-4:30. **EF:** 55, Econ 40 w 1/2 prz. (+20 after 80% full & onsite); playup +20, GMs/IMs = \$0 by 4/2. **Info:** www.bayareachess.com/cashday. W.

Apr. 26, Fremont Kids Swiss (PK-12, 4SS, G/30 d5)

Fremont Marriott, 46100 Landing Pkwy., Fremont, CA 94538. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Reg.:** 9-9:15a, **Rds.:** 9:30a-1:30p. **EF:** 39 (+15 playup, +15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 26, Fremont Kids Quads (PK-12, 3RR, G/30 d5)

Fremont Marriott, 46100 Landing Pkwy., Fremont, CA 94538. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Must check-in 1:30-2 or no game.** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** 33 (+15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 26, Chess4Less San Jose Kids Swiss (PK-12, 4SS, G/30 d5)

BayAreaChess Office, 2050 Concourse Dr. #42, San Jose, CA 95131. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Reg.:** 9-9:15a, **Rds.:** 9:30a-1:30p. **EF:** 33 (+15 playup, +15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.bayareachess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 26, Chess4Less San Jose Kids Quads (PK-12, 3RR, G/30 d5)

BayAreaChess Office, 2050 Concourse Dr. #42, San Jose, CA 95131. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Must check-in 1:30-2 or no game.** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** 27 (+15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Apr. 26, San Francisco Swiss - Apr #2 (PK-12)

Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, 57 Post Street (4th fl.), San Francisco, CA 94104. 4SS, G/30 d5. **Sections:** 700+, 400-699, u400. Apr 20 suppl. **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 5 each section, medals to others. **Entry:** \$35, playup: \$10, late fee: \$10 after 4/23. **Reg.:** 10:30-10:45am. **Rounds:** 11-2pm. Contact: chessroom@mililibrary.org, chessclub.org. W.

May 2, Pleasanton Kids Swiss (PK-12, 4SS, G/30 d5)

Pleasanton Four Points, 5115 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94588. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, Medals to others. **Reg.:** 9-9:15a, **Rds.:** 9:30a-1:30p. **EF:** 39 (+15 playup, +15 after 80% full, & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

May 2, Pleasanton Kids Quads (PK-12, 3RR, G/30 d5)

Pleasanton Four Points, 5115 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94588. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, Medals to others. **Must check-in 1:30-2 or no game.** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** 33 (+15 after 80% full, & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

May 2, Palo Alto Kids Quads (PK-12, 3RR, G/30 d5)

Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 E. Charleston Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94306. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Must check-in 11:30-11:45 or no game.** Games 12-2:30. **EF:** 33 (+15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

May 2, 20th Powell Memorial Tournament (5SS, G/40 d5)

Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, 57 Post Street (4th fl.), San Francisco, CA 94104. 4SS, G/60 d5. **Sections & Prizes:** Total \$720/b40. **1800+:** \$240 \$120 \$85; **u1800:** \$150 \$65 \$60. Apr 20 suppl. **Entry:** \$45, \$40 MI members, play-up: \$10 (if rating 1600+), late fee: \$5 after 3/25. **Reg.:** 9-9:45am. **Rounds:** 10a, 11:45a, 1:30p, 3:15p. 5p. Contact: chessroom@mililibrary.org, chessclub.org. W.

May 2-3, Frisco Del Rosario Championship (5SS, G/90 +30)

See Grand Prix.

May 3, Cupertino Swiss45 (4SS, G/45 d5)

Cupertino Juniper Hilton, 10050 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. Park free. **Prizes:** \$1,400 b/50. **3 Sections:** 1800+, 1400-1799, u1400. **Reg.:** 8:30-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-11-1-3. **EF:** 55, Econ 40 w 1/2 prz. (+20 after 80% full & onsite); playup +20, GMs/IMs = \$0 by 4/9. **Info:** www.bayareachess.com/cashday. W.

May 3, Cupertino Kids Swiss (PK-12, 4SS, G/30 d5)

Cupertino Juniper Hilton, 10050 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Reg.:** 9-9:15a, **Rds.:** 9:30a-1:30p. **EF:** 39 (+15 playup, +15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

May 3, Cupertino Kids Quads (PK-12, 3RR, G/30 d5)

Cupertino Juniper Hilton, 10050 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Must check-in 1:30-2 or no game.** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** 33 (+15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

May 3, Chess4Less San Jose Kids Swiss (PK-12, 4SS, G/30 d5)

BayAreaChess Office, 2050 Concourse Dr. #42, San Jose, CA 95131. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Reg.:** 9-

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9:15a, **Rds.:** 9:30a-1:30p. **EF:** 33 (+15 playup, +15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.bayareachess.com/signature.W.

May 3, Chess4Less San Jose Kids Quads (PK-12, 3RR, G/30 d5)
BayAreaChess Office, 2050 Concourse Dr. #42, San Jose, CA 95131. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Must check-in 1:30-2 or no game.** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** 27 (+15 after 80% full & onsite). **Info:** www.BayAreaChess.com/signature.W.

May 9, San Francisco Swiss - May #1 (PK-12)
Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, 57 Post Street (4th fl.), San Francisco, CA 94104. 4SS, G/30 d5. **Sections:** 700+, 400-699, u400. May 20 suppl. **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 5 each section, medals to others. **Entry:** \$35, playup: \$10, late fee: \$10 after 5/5. **Reg.:** 9:30-9:45am. **Rounds:** 10-2pm. Contact: chessroom@milibrary.org, chessclub.org.W.

May 9, Sacramento Chess4Less Kids Swiss and/or Quads (G/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss:** Reg.: 9-9:15a; Games: 9:30a-1:30p. **Quads: Check-in 1:30-2 or no game,** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** Swiss 33 (+10 play up), Quads 27. **Cash Back \$13** for Swiss & Quads both 47 (7 games & 2 awards!). **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/signature.W.

May 9, Palo Alto Kids Midday Quads (PK-12, 3RR, G/30 d5)
Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 E. Charleston Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94306. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Check-in 11:30-11:45 or no game;** Games 12-2:45. **EF:** 33 (+9 after 5/6, +15 onsite). **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/signature.W.

May 10, San Jose Chess4Less Kids Swiss and/or Quads (G/30 d5)
2050 Concourse Dr. #42, San Jose, CA 95131. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss:** Reg.: 9-9:15a; Games: 9:30a-1:30p. **Quads: Check-in 1:30-2 or no game;** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** Swiss 33 (+10 play up), Quads 27. **Cash Back \$13** for Swiss & Quads both 47 (7 games & 2 awards!), +9 after 5/7, +15 onsite. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/signature.W.

May 10, Santa Clara CashDay Swiss75 (3SS, G/75 d5)
Santa Clara Convention Center, CA 95054. Park Free. **Prizes:** **\$51,100 b/39**, 3 sects. **A+ (1800+):** \$220-60 (u2000 100). **BC (1400-1799):** \$200-60 (u1600 \$100). **DEu (under 1400):** \$200-60 (u1200 \$100). **Reg.:** 8:30-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-12-3. **EF:** 55, Econ 43 w 1/2 pr. (+9 after 5/7, +15 onsite); play up +10, GMs/IMs = \$0 by 4/30. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/cashday.W.

May 10, Santa Clara Kids Swiss and/or Quads (G/30 d5)
Santa Clara Convention Center, CA 95054. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss:** Reg.: 9-9:15a; Games: 9:30a-1:30p. **Quads: Check-in 1:30-2 or no game;** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** Swiss 39 (+10 play up), Quads 33. **Cash Back \$13** for Swiss & Quads both 59 (7 games & 2 awards!), +9 after 5/7, +15 onsite. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/signature.W.

May 16, Palo Alto Kids Midday Quads (PK-12, 3RR, G/30 d5)
Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 E. Charleston Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94306. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Check-in 11:30-11:45 or no game;** Games 12-2:45. **EF:** 33 (+9 after 5/13, +15 onsite). **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/signature.W.

May 17, Pleasanton CashDay Swiss75 (3SS, G/75 d5)
Four Points, 5115 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94588. Park Free. **Prizes:** **\$51,100 b/39**, 3 sects. **A+ (1800+):** \$220-60 (u2000 100). **BC (1400-1799):** \$200-60 (u1600 \$100). **DEu (under 1400):** \$200-60 (u1200 \$100). **Reg.:** 8:30-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-12-3. **EF:** 55, Econ 43 w 1/2 pr. (+9 after 5/14, +15 onsite); play up +10, GMs/IMs = \$0 by 5/7. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/cashday.W.

May 17, Pleasanton Kids Swiss and/or Quads (G/30 d5)
Four Points, 5115 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94588. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss:** Reg.: 9-9:15a; Games: 9:30a-1:30p. **Quads: Check-in 1:30-2 or no game;** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** Swiss 39 (+10 play up), Quads 33. **Cash Back \$13** for Swiss & Quads both 59 (7 games & 2 awards!), +9 after 5/14, +15 onsite. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/signature.W.

May 17, Cupertino CashDay Swiss75 (3SS, G/75 d5)
Cupertino Juniper Hilton, 10050 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. Park free. **Prizes:** **\$51,100 b/39**, 3 sects. **A+ (1800+):** \$220-60 (u2000 100). **BC (1400-1799):** \$200-60 (u1600 \$100). **DEu (under 1400):** \$200-60 (u1200 \$100). **Reg.:** 8:30-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-12-3. **EF:** 55, Econ 43 w 1/2 pr. (+9 after 5/14, +15 onsite); play up +10, GMs/IMs = \$0 by 5/7. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/cashday.W.

May 17, Cupertino Kids Swiss and/or Quads (G/30 d5)
Cupertino Juniper Hilton, 10050 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss:** Reg.: 9-9:15a; Games: 9:30a-1:30p. **Quads: Check-in 1:30-2 or no game;** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** Swiss 39 (+10 play up), Quads 33. **Cash Back \$13** for Swiss & Quads both 59 (7 games & 2 awards!), +9 after 5/14, +15 onsite. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/signature.W.

May 17, San Jose Chess4Less Kids Swiss and/or Quads (G/30 d5)
2050 Concourse Dr. #42, San Jose, CA 95131. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss:** Reg.: 9-9:15a; Games: 9:30a-1:30p. **Quads: Check-in 1:30-2 or no game;** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** Swiss 33 (+10 play up), Quads 27. **Cash Back \$13** for Swiss & Quads both 47 (7 games & 2 awards!), +9 after 5/14, +15 onsite. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/signature.W.

May 23, Bay Area Grade Level Championship & Evening Quads (PK-12)
Santa Clara Convention Center, CA 95054. Park free. ***Grade Level Champ* Trophies:** All with + score, top 10 teams, & top 10 clubs, in each section. Medals for others. 7 sections based on grades. **Reg.:** Sat 8-8:30a. **KG, 1, 2, 3:** 5 x G/30 d5 **Rds.:** 9-10:40-12:20-1:50-3:10. **4, 5, 6-12:** 4 x G/45 d5 **Rds.:** 9-11:1-1:10-3:10. **EF:** 50 (+9 after 5/20, +15 onsite). ***Evening Quads*** players w + score, medals to others. **Check-in 4-4:45 or no game;** Games 5-7:45. **EF:** 33 (+9 after 5/20, +15 onsite). **Cash Back \$13** if you register for both events. **Info/Reg.:** BayAreaChess.com/gradebay.W.

May 23-25 or 24-25, Best of the West Class Championship (7SS, G/90 +30)
See Grand Prix.

May 24, San Francisco Memorial Day Kids Swiss (PK-12)
Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, 57 Post Street (4th fl.), San Francisco, CA 94104. 5 rounds special tournament, G/30 d5. **Sections:** 700+, 400-699, u400. May 20 suppl. **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 10 each section, Trophies to Top 5 teams in sections combined! Medals to others. **Entry:** \$40, playup: \$10, late fee: \$10 after 5/20. **Reg.:** 12:15-12:45pm. **Rounds:** 1p-5pm. Contact: chessroom@milibrary.org, chessclub.org.W.

May 24, San Jose Chess4Less Kids Swiss (PK-12, 4SS, G/30 d5)
2050 Concourse Dr. #42, San Jose, CA 95131. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Reg.:** 9-9:15a; Games: 9:30a-1:30p. **EF:** 33 (+10 play up), +9 after 5/21, +15 onsite. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/signature.W.

May 25, San Jose Chess4Less Kids Swiss and/or Quads (G/30 d5)
2050 Concourse Dr. #42, San Jose, CA 95131. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss:** Reg.: 9-9:15a; Games: 9:30a-1:30p. **Quads: Check-in 1:30-2 or no game;** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** Swiss 33 (+10 play up), Quads 27. **Cash Back \$13** for Swiss & Quads both 47 (7 games & 2 awards!), +9 after 5/22, +15 onsite. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/signature.W.

May 30, SJC Airport Chess4Less CashDay Swiss90 (3SS, G/90 d5)
Fairfield Inn, 1755 N. 1st St., San Jose, CA 95112. Park Free. **Prizes:** \$600 b/28. Players may be split into 2 sections based on rating. **Reg.:** 8:30-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-12:30-4. **EF:** 43, Econ 33 w 1/2 pr. (+9 after 5/27, +15 onsite), GMs/IMs = \$0 by 5/20. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/cashday.W.

May 30, Palo Alto Kids Swiss (PK-12, 4SS, G/30 d5)
Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 E. Charleston Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94306. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Reg.:** 9-9:15a; Games: 9:30a-1:30p. **EF:** Swiss 39 (+10 play up), +9 after 5/27, +15 onsite. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/signature.W.

May 30, SJC Airport Chess4Less Kids Swiss and/or Quads (G/30 d5)
Fairfield Inn, 1755 N. 1st St., San Jose, CA 95112. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss:** Reg.: 9-9:15a; Games: 9:30a-1:30p. **Quads: Check-in 1:30-2 or no game;** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** Swiss 33 (+10 play up), Quads 27. **Cash Back \$13** for Swiss & Quads both 47 (7 games & 2 awards!), +9 after 5/27, +15 onsite. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/signature.W.

May 31, Cupertino CashDay Swiss75 (3SS, G/75 d5)
Cupertino Juniper Hilton, 10050 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. Park free. **Prizes:** **\$51,100 b/39**, 3 sects. **A+ (1800+):** \$220-60 (u2000 100). **BC (1400-1799):** \$200-60 (u1600 \$100). **DEu (under 1400):** \$200-60 (u1200 \$100). **Reg.:** 8:30-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-12-3. **EF:** 55, Econ 43 w 1/2 pr. (+9 after 5/28, +15 onsite); play up +10, GMs/IMs = \$0 by 5/21. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/cashday.W.

May 31, Cupertino Kids Swiss and/or Quads (G/30 d5)
Cupertino Juniper Hilton, 10050 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss:** Reg.: 9-9:15a; Games: 9:30a-1:30p. **Quads: Check-in 1:30-2 or no game;** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** Swiss 39 (+10 play up), Quads 33. **Cash Back \$13** for Swiss & Quads both 59 (7 games & 2 awards!), +9 after 5/28, +15 onsite. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/signature.W.

May 31, San Jose Chess4Less Kids Swiss and/or Quads (G/30 d5)
2050 Concourse Dr. #42, San Jose, CA 95131. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss:** Reg.: 9-9:15a; Games: 9:30a-1:30p. **Quads: Check-in 1:30-2 or no game;** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** Swiss 33 (+10 play up), Quads 27. **Cash Back \$13** for Swiss & Quads both 47 (7 games & 2 awards!), +9 after 5/28, +15 onsite. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/signature.W.

June 6, Sacramento Chess4Less Kids and/or Quads (G/30 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss:** Reg.: 9-9:15a; Games: 9:30a-1:30p. **Quads: Check-in 1:30-2 or no game,** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** Swiss 33 (+10 play up), Quads 27. **Cash Back \$13** for Swiss & Quads both 47 (7 games & 2 awards!). **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/signature.W.

June 6, Sacramento Chess4Less CashDay Swiss75 (3SS, G/75 d5)
Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Park Free. **Prizes:** \$600 b/28. Players may be split into 2 sections based on rating. **Reg.:** 8:30-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-12-3. **EF:** 43, Econ 33 w 1/2 pr. (+9 after 6/3, +15 onsite); play up +10, GMs/IMs = \$0 by 5/27. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/cashday.W.

June 6, Palo Alto Kids Midday Quads (PK-12, 3RR, G/30 d5)
Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 E. Charleston Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94306. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Check-in 11:30-11:45 or no game;** Games 12-2:45. **EF:** 33 (+9 after 6/3, +15 onsite). **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/signature.W.

June 6-7, Elizabeth Shaughnessy Championship (5SS, G/90 +30)
See Grand Prix.

June 7, San Jose Chess4Less Kids Swiss and/or Quads (G/30 d5)
2050 Concourse Dr. #42, San Jose, CA 95131. Park Free. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss:** Reg.: 9-9:15a; Games: 9:30a-1:30p. **Quads: Check-in 1:30-2 or no game;** Games 2:15-5. **EF:** Swiss 33 (+10 play up), Quads 27. **Cash Back \$13** for Swiss & Quads both 47 (7 games & 2 awards!), +9 after 6/4, +15 onsite. **Info:** BayAreaChess.com/signature.W.

California, Southern

The Los Angeles Chess Club

The Most Active Club on the West Coast! (310) 795-5710. * LACC: www.LAChessClub.com; VCC: www.ValleyChessClub.com. Contact: Mick@LAChessClub.com; Saturday & Sundays: 10 am-10 pm [INTERMEDIATE class [10:30-11:30 am], NOVICE class [12-1 pm]]+ 3 Tournaments). Sundays: 11-7 pm [NOVICE

class [12-1 PM] + 2 Tournaments). FIDE & USCF tournaments. Details on our web site. Tuesdays: 7:30-9 pm (Advance lecture). 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025. (4 blocks W of 405, SW corner of Santa Monica & Butler * 2nd Floor. Group Classes * Tournaments * Private (1:1) Lessons. Note our monthly major FIDE events. We also have the best Weekly FIDE BLITZ tournament on Saturday nights at 6:30 pm.

The South Bay Chess Club

The Only Junior Chess Club in South Bay! (310) 795-5710. * LACC: www.SouthBayChessClub.com; Contact: Mick@SouthBayChessClub.com; Sundays: 11am-4 pm (Novice & Interm. classes + a Junior Tournaments). Details on our web site. 22753 Hawthorne Blvd Torrance, CA 90505. Group Classes * Tournaments * Private (1:1) Lessons. 5% off everything with online sign ups.

Apr. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26, Every Saturday & Sunday Chess 4 Juniors

8 separate events- 5SS, G/30 d0. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd. & Butler LA, 90025, 2nd floor. 4 blocks West of 405. **EF:** \$20 (extra \$10 non-LACC mbrs. No prize 1/2 EF, siblings 1/2. 1st tourney free for new LACC membership sign ups). **Reg.:** 12-1 pm. **Rds.:** 1pm & asap; done by 4. **Prizes:** Trophies & medals; All players receive prizes! **Parking:** Free on streets & BoA. Free refreshments. **Info:** (310) 795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com or Mick@LAChessClub.com. **Register Online:** www.LAChessClub.com for 5% off EF.

Apr. 5, 12, 19, 26, Every Sunday Chess 4 Juniors

4 separate events- 5SS, G/30 d0. 22753 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, CA 90505. **EF:** \$20 (\$10 extra non-SBCC memb, siblings 1/2, 1st tourney free with SBCC membership sign up.) **Reg.:** 12-1 pm. **Rds.:** 1pm & asap; done by 4 pm. **Prizes:** Trophies & medals; All players receive prizes! Free refreshments. **Info:** (310) 795-5710 or www.SouthBayChessClub.com or Mick@SouthBayChessClub.com. **Register Online:** www.SouthBayChessClub.com for 5% off EF.

June 5-7, 2020 U.S. Junior Open Championship

See Nationals.

June 5-7 or 6-7, Pomona Classic

See Grand Prix.

July 24-26 or 25-26, 25th Annual Pacific Coast Open

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Connecticut

June 12-14 or 13-14, 26th Annual Northeast Open

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

July 17-19 or 18-19, 25th annual Bradley 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.

Apr. 24-26, 2020 National Junior High School (K-9) Championship
See Nationals.

July 24-26 or 25-26, 28th Annual Southern Open

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

Idaho

May 6, 13, 20, 27, May 2020 Chandra Alexis Chess Club

Monthly rated game per week. Meridian Library, 1326 W. Cherry Ln., Meridian, ID 83642. Every Tuesday 4pm-8pm – unfinished games are adjourned. USCF rated G/60 d5, Qualifying FIDE section G/90 +30. **EF:** Free. **Reg.:** chandraalexischessclub.org. George (208) 375-1211.

June 3, 10, 17, 24, June 2020 Chandra Alexis Chess Club

Monthly rated game per week. Meridian Library, 1326 W. Cherry Ln., Meridian, ID 83642. Every Tuesday 4pm-8pm – unfinished games are adjourned. USCF rated G/60 d5, Qualifying FIDE section G/90 +30. **EF:** Free. **Reg.:** chandraalexischessclub.org. George (208) 375-1211.

Illinois

Apr. 17-19, 2020 All-Girls National Championships presented by the Kasparov Chess Foundation, Renaissance Knights Chess Federation & US Chess

See Nationals.

May 21-25, 22-25, 23-25 or 24-25, 29th annual Chicago Open

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

July 17-19 or 18-19, 13th annual Chicago Class

See Chess Life or www.chesstour.com.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Aug. 25-30, 2020 North American Youth Championships presented by the Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation, International Chess School, US Chess, & FIDE America

FIDE & USCF Rated - FIDE Titles and Norms will be awarded. 9 SS, G/90 + 30 second increment per move. Hilton Chicago - 720 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60605. **Open & Girls Sections: Age as of 1/1/2020**, Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18. **EF:** \$150.00 thru May 31, \$175.00 thru Jun 30, \$200.00 thru Jul 31, \$225.00 thru Aug 23, \$250.00 onsite. **Blitz:** EF by 7/31, \$30 after/on-site. **Schedule:** Aug 25 - 5 pm Blitz, Aug 26 - 9 am Opening Ceremony, 10 am Rd. 1, 4 pm Rd. 2, Aug 27 - 10 am Rd. 3, 4 pm Rd. 4, Aug 28 - 10 am Rd. 5, 4 pm Rd. 6, Aug 29 - 10 am Rd. 7, 4 pm Rd. 8, Aug 30 - 10 am Rd. 9, 3 pm Closing Ceremony. **Awards:** Trophies for top 10 players in each section, plus FIDE Titles & Norms. **HR:** \$165 single/double, \$189 triple, \$214 quad. **Reservations:** Online or 1-312-922-4400 Reserve early rate

may increase / sell out. **Byes:** No half-points byes, only zero-point byes.
Entries/Info: online at: www.naycc2020.com

Maryland

Maryland Chess Tournaments

Maryland Chess runs 21+ annual K-12 tournaments every other Saturday from September through June & 12+ annual 1-day or multi-day open tournaments for adults & K-12 players on weekends. See www.MDChess.org for tournament announcements, registration for tournaments, updated wallcharts, live standings, signup for K-12 & open e-newsletters, lists of coaches & clubs, camp announcements, & news. K-12 MD players who compete in the Varsity section (for players rated 1600+) of 1 of 8+ annual MD-Sweet-16 Qualifiers can qualify for the \$48,000+ scholarship to the University of Maryland, Baltimore County awarded annually. UMBC is a perennial top-10 contender for the collegiate national chess championship.

Massachusetts

Apr. 24-26 or 25-26, 29th Annual Eastern Class Championships

See *Chess Life* or www.chessevents.us.

May 23-25 or 24-25, 89th Massachusetts Opens

See *Chess Life* or www.MassChess.org for details.

Aug. 5-9, 6-9, 7-9 or 8-9, 50th annual Continental Open

See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Nevada

June 24-28, 25-28, 26-28 or 27-28, 2020 National Open

See Nationals.

June 26, Youth Trophy Tournament

5-SS, G/25 d5. Westgate Las Vegas Resort. Open to players age 14 & under. **4 sections:** U1800, U1100, U800, U500. **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:** \$40 by 4/30, \$50 by 5/31, \$60 later. **Reg.:** 8:30-9 a.m. **Rds.:** 10-11:30-1-2:15-3:30. **Youth Blitz:** 6:30 p.m. (\$30 by 5/31 \$40 later). www.VegasChessFestival.com.

June 27-28, International Youth Championship

6-SS, G/60 d5. Westgate Las Vegas Resort. **In 4 Sections by age:** 14 & Under Premier (under 1800), 14 & Under Reserve (under 1000), 9 & Under Premier (under 1800), 9 & Under Reserve (under 800). **Trophies** to top 10 and tied for 10th 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 4/30, \$99 by 5/31, \$120 later. Half 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:** 6/26 6:30 p.m. (\$30 by 5/31 \$40 later). **HR:** \$70, \$97 Friday and Saturday (800) 732-7117. **ENT:** Vegas Chess Festivals, PO Box 90925, Henderson, NV 89009-0925 or www.VegasChessFestival.com.

New Jersey

Apr. 19, Westfield Spring Scholastic

Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. K-12. **3 Sections:** Open, U1250, U750. Open: 3-SS. G/40 d5. Rounds: 12:15, 2:00, 3:45 p.m. U1250 & U750: 4-SS. G/25 d5. Rounds: 12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4:00 p.m. **EF:** \$30, \$25 members. Those registering before 11:50, or lined-up to do so, will be charged \$5 less! **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 5 in each section. Tiebreaks used. See USCF Rule 34E. **Register:** 11:20 a.m.-12:10 p.m. **Info:** www.westfield-chessclub.org/Events.html, westfieldchessclub@gmail.com

Apr. 25, 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 1000/1200; U1000; U800; U400/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 \$35 Only if register one week before: www.ChessKidsNY.com/PCSSchessProgram.htm (*) Fee will increase automatically 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 Iniguez at: migini@gmail.com. **Results will be posted online the same day of the event!**

Apr. 26, Scholastic Chess at South Jersey Innovation Center
2003 Lincoln Dr. West, Marlton, NJ 08053. 4 rds. G/25 d5, Beginning at 12:15 and ASAP: OPEN (Players K-12), RESERVE (K-12 U-1000), NOVICE II (K-8 U-600), NOVICE I (unrated K-8). Plaques to top 3 school teams, top 5 in each section Medals to all players. Pre-registration online, \$35 Info and online registration at <https://snjchess.com/register>. On-site 11-12 noon \$45. Inquiries to <https://incntr.com>

May 16, 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 1000/1200; U1000; U800; U400/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 \$35 Only if register one week before: www.ChessKidsNY.com/PCSSchessProgram.htm (*) Fee will increase automatically if register later.** On site registration the date of the event: \$40 from 11:45 am to 12:00 noon. Restocking fee of \$4

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May 23, US Amateur K-8 East Under 1200

5-SS, G/30 d5. Hyatt Morristown, 3 Speedwell Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960. If staying, for chess rate (\$139 per night base), details at www.njscf.org or book at <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/MORRM/G-NJC7> or call Phone: 973-647-1234, mention NJ Chess. Free parking during the day (\$10 overnight), public transportation to NYC, Philadelphia. walking distance, 30 restaurants, shops and parks within 5 minute stroll. **In three sections:** Under 1200, Under 900, Under 600. Trophies to Top Ten in each section. Others win chess medallions. Unrated may not win first place. **Registration:** Saturday, May 23, 11am -12noon. **Rounds:** 12:30pm, then ASAP with lunch break after Round Two. **EF:** \$30 if postmarked by May 15th. **EF** at site \$40 cash only. One 1/2 point bye allowed if requested with entry fee. May Rating Supplement used. Entries: to Aaron Kiedes, 34 Union Rd., Wantage, NJ 07461. Email akiedes@gmail.com for more information. Entries must include name, USCF ID and expiration date, mailing address, email address, phone number, section, grade level and entry fee. **CLOCKS & SETS NOT PROVIDED.** Checks made out to NJSCF. NO PHONE OR EMAIL ENTRIES. Online entries \$32 at www.njscf.org after 4-15-20 until 5-21-20 at midnight. W.

May 23-25 or 24-25, 76th Annual U.S. Amateur East Championship
See Nationals.

June 6, 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 1000/1200; U1000; U800; U400/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 \$35 Only if register one week before: www.ChessKidsNY.com/PCSSchessProgram.htm (*) Fee will increase automatically 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 Iniguez at: migini@gmail.com. **Results will be posted online the same day of the event!**

New York

Oct. 4, Nov. 8, Dec. 6, Jan. 10, Feb. 28, May 1, Columbia Grammar Friday Tournaments!

6 separate events, open to K-12, other schools welcome, **Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School** (CGPS), 36 West 93rd St. (lower sections across street, at 5 West 93rd St.), both are between Central Park West & Columbus Ave., NYC. **Subways: Broadway & 96th Street** (1,2,3 trains), **Central Park West & 96th Street** (B, C trains). **Online entries and details at www.littlehouseoffchess.com.** Early bird **EF** \$50 each date thru Wed. before game, \$10 more later (CGPS students \$5 less), \$5 sibling discount, free if rated 1500+. **Reg. closes** 11 pm Thu. Entries are subject to space limitations at each location and may be subject to wait list (**no on-site entries**). **In 6 sections** each date: **1. Premier**, 3-RR or 3-SS, G/50 d5 (K-12, 1200+ and invitees); **2. Classic**, 4-SS, G/30 d5 (K-12, U1200); **3. Reserve**, 4-SS, G/30 d5 (K-12 U800); **4. Grades 2-3** (U700), 4-SS; **5. Grade 1**, 4-SS; **6. Kindergarten**, 4-SS (Sections 4-6 G/25 d5). **Trophies** to all (\$50 EF towards Marshall CC or G&T events for winner of Section 1). **Round 1:** 4 pm each date, then ASAP (Awards for sections 4-6 about 7:45 pm, sections 1-3 awards about 8:30 pm). **All:** Live ratings may be used at TD discretion; TD reserves right to assign players' sections and to combine sections. Limit 1 bye, must commit by rd. 2 (no byes in Section 1). Sets & boards provided; Sections 1-3: **please bring clocks!** **See important electronic devices restrictions: www.littlehouseoffchess.com.** Parent or adult designate must be present to supervise child. **Questions:** littlehouseoffchess@gmail.com or text 646-232-3155. \$15 service charge for refunds.

Oct. 6, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 1, May 3, 7th Annual Magnus High School and Junior High Chess League!

Columbia Grammar and Prep. High School Cafeteria, 36 W. 93rd St. (bet. Central Park West & Columbus Ave., near 96th St. subways), NYC. 14-SS, open to grades 7-12 born after 5/3/20. 3 sections: **1. Varsity** (over 1799 at match date, and invitees), G/90 d30, **FIDE**, **2. Junior-Varsity** (Under 1800 official rating at match date or unr), G/75 d10. **3. Novice** (Under 1200 official rating at match date or unr), G/60 d10. **All:** May be limited to 64 players each date (entries may be subject to wait list). **Individual prizes:** free entry to 3 specified Continental Chess tmnts. thru 12/31/20 to 1st, 2 free entries to 2nd each section. Plaques to top 3 each section. **Second-Half Bonus Prize:** 1 free entry to top-scorer (not counting half-point byes), among all 3 sections, in rds. 8-14. **Varsity Section Bonus Prize:** 1 extra free entry to Clear First in Varsity (playoff between top 2 on tiebreak if tie for 1st in Varsity: may be fast game). **Team prizes:** free entry to 1 CCA tmt. thru 12/31/20 to the 4-top-scoring players from **same school** across all 3 sections, plaques to top 3 overall team scores. **Mixed Doubles** (2-player male/female team, avg. rating U2200, may be in different sections and from different schools, must sign-up by 2/9, no extra fee; free entry to 1 CCA tmt. thru 12/31/20 to 1st **Mixed Doubles** team, chess sets to top 3 Mixed Doubles. Free entries courtesy of Continental Chess and are valid for CCA tmnts. with 100% guaranteed prizes. **Rds.** 10 am all sections, then 12:30 pm Novice; 1:15 pm JV; 2 pm Varsity each date. **EF:** \$30 each date per player if paid by 6 pm the day before match, \$35 later, at least 30 min. before game, \$10 less if rated over 1999. Optional \$550 EF per school for up to 6 players for all 7 dates (school EF \$10 less per player over 1999). **Ent:** www.magnusleague.org. Each date's games submitted for USCF rating prior to next date's games; Varsity games may be submitted to FIDE on separate schedule. Players must re-confirm before each date; official USCF rating list in effect on each date used for that date (unofficial ratings usually used if otherwise unrated or if requesting to play in Varsity). Limit 8 half-

point byes (2 byes max. rds. 11-14), commit by Feb. 9 (by May 1 for players with minus scores if team also has minus score); TD may assign byes to players whose ratings exceed previous match section limit. **\$20 fine for forfeits.** \$60 refunded to schools paying school EF if no forfeits for entire season. Teammate pairings avoided but possible. Free entries divided on ties. See www.magnusleague.org for rules and special situations. Bonus Points and/or prizes may be awarded each date! Bring clocks! **Info: director@magnusleague.org**, chescentr@gmail.com. \$15 service charge for refunds. School purchase orders: **Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553. W. Note:** this supersedes the Sep., Oct., Nov. CL issues.

May 15-17 or 16-17, 28th annual New York State Open and Senior
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

July 31-Aug. 2 or Aug. 1-2, 4th annual Peter Henner Memorial

See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

North Carolina

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

July 15-19, 2020 North American Junior (U20) FIDE Championships
An official FIDE Continental Championship offering **IM, FM, WIM, WFM direct FIDE titles and GM, IM, WGM, WIM norms** for winners! 2019 North American Junior, held in Charlotte, had a record 77 players. Two sections – **Open U20** and **Girls U20** (girls may enter either section). 9 rounds, G/90 inc/30, USCF and FIDE-rated, FIDE norms and titles available. Venue: **Holiday Inn Charlotte University Hotel**, 8520 University Executive Park Dr., Charlotte, NC 28262. Hotel: \$109/night (single/double), free breakfast, free 3-mile shuttle, free internet, free parking, fridge/microwave in every room. \$15 discount off tournament entry fee if staying at official hotel. Open to all players from USA, Canada, and Mexico who are under 20 (19 & younger) as of 1/1/2020 (born 2000 or after). This is a completely open event for those who meet the age and eligibility requirements. **Awards:** Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals to top 3 in each section (on tiebreaks if necessary). Gold medalists win Personal Rights status at 2021 North American Junior and Pan-Am Junior Championships. **Direct FIDE Titles:** Open section – Gold medal = **IM title and GM norm**; if tie for first, top 3 on tiebreaks receive IM title, gold medalist also earns GM norm. Silver = **FM title and IM norm**. Bronze = **FM title and IM norm**. Girls section – Gold = **WIM title and WGM norm**; if tie for first, top 3 on tiebreaks receive WIM title, gold medalist also earns WGM norm. Silver = **WFM title and WIM norm**. Bronze = **WFM title and WIM norm**. **Schedule:** suggested arrival Tuesday 7/14. Players meeting 7/15 12:30pm, Rounds Wed 1pm, 7pm, Thurs 12pm, 6pm, Fri 12pm, 6pm, Sat 12pm, 6pm, Sun 10am. **Registration:** Players should register directly with the organizers online, it is not necessary to go through the federation. **Entry Fee:** \$260 paid online at www.charlottechess-center.org/najunior until 6/20, \$280 until 7/10, \$300 until 7/14. No registration after 7/14. \$15 off EF if staying at official hotel. Refunds before 6/15 subject to 5% service fee. No refunds for withdrawals after 6/15. No half-point byes. All equipment provided! This event takes place at the same time as the U.S. G/10, G/30, G/60 Championships (www.charlottechesscenter.org/usblitzrapid) at venues across the street from each other. FIDE Rules, July FIDE ratings used for pairings. Organizer: Charlotte Chess Center, contact: grant@charlottechesscenter.org. Info, detailed regulations, registration: www.charlottechesscenter.org/najunior

July 17, 2020 U.S. G/10 Championship (BLZ)

See Nationals.

July 18, 2020 U.S. G/30 Championship

See Nationals.

July 19, 2020 U.S. G/60 Championship

See Nationals.

Ohio

June 12-14 or 13-14, Cleveland Open

See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Pennsylvania

July 1-5, 2-5, 3-5 or June 30-July 5, 48th Annual World Open

See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

July 4-5, 2020 U.S. Blind Chess Championship

See Nationals.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

July 6-7, 12th annual World Open Under 13 Championship
6SS, G/60 d10. Philadelphia Marriott Downtown (see World Open for location, rates). Open to all born after 7/7/07. In 4 sections. **Open Section:** Plaques to top 7, top 2 Under 1600/Unr; free entry in all CCA tournaments 7/17/20-9/30/20 to 1st. **Under 1400:** Plaques to top 7, top 2 Under 1200/Unr; free entry in all CCA tournaments 7/17/20-10/31/20 to 1st. **Under 1000:** Plaques to top 7, top 2 Under 800/Unr; free entry in all CCA tournaments 7/17/20-9/30/20 to 1st. **Under 600:** Plaques to top 7, top 2 Under 400, top 2 Unrated; free entry in all CCA tournaments 7/17/20-9/30/20 to 1st. **EF:** \$48 online at chesstour.com by 7/4, \$52 mailed by 6/15, \$60 at site. **Lat. Reg.** 7/6 to 10 am, rds. Mon 11-25, Tue 10-1-4. Up to 3 half point byes allowed, must commit before rd. 3. **Ent:** chesstour.com or Continental Chess, PO Box 8482, Pelham, NY 10803. Questions: chesstour.com, chesstour.info@chesscenter.org, DirectorAtChess.US, 347-201-2269. \$15 service charge for refunds.

July 10-12 or 11-12, 14th annual Philadelphia Open

See *Chess Life* or www.chessevents.us.

July 24-26 or 25-26, 21st annual Pittsburgh Open

See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Tennessee

May 8-10, 2020 National Elementary (K-6) Championship

See Nationals.

Virginia

June 19-21 or 20-21, 9th annual Continental Class Championships
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

MY FIRST MOVE



GM ALEJANDRO RODRIGUEZ
COSTA RICA'S FIRST
GRANDMASTER AND SAINT
LOUIS UNIVERSITY COACH

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

HOW IT BEGAN

My dad taught me [chess] when I was four years old after I watched the movie *Searching for Bobby Fischer*. He knew how to play ... mostly. So I didn't learn all the rules properly, but I had them mastered by the time I played my first tournament! *En passant* was a bit tricky.

MY FIRST TOURNAMENT

I played my first tournament when I was seven years old. It was the 1995 Torneo Metropolitano de Ajedrez in San Jose, Costa Rica. My mom saw an advertisement for a local chess tournament, so we went to check it out and I instantly fell in love. My parents let me play even though most



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Left: with his father in San Jose, Costa Rica, before he knew the *en passant* rule; right: Alejandro would keep markers on the table so he could draw when "slow" chess got boring!



rounds finished past my bedtime.

"THIS IS IT!"

Chess in my home country of Costa Rica has never been very strong, but winning the Under 20 National Championship when I was eight years old was a big boost. Even without any defining success at tournaments, I loved chess too much to let it go.

BECOMING COSTA RICA'S FIRST GRANDMASTER

It took a lot of dedication and family support. The resources nowadays are out there, with the internet and books as prevalent as they are now. Back then, it was a lot of hard work and trial and error.

THE CHESS HERO'S CHESS HERO

I always felt that heroes would simply be opponents some years down the line! I did admire the games of [José Raúl] Capablanca and [Alexander] Alekhine growing up, and I spent a lot of time studying [Garry] Kasparov's games. Now, I greatly enjoy the World Champion's games [Magnus Carlsen], but [Fabiano] Caruana's aren't bad either!

FIRST FAVORITE OPENING

When I went to one of my first chess tournaments, there was a person

selling opening books. I chose the one that had the prettiest cover, which happened to be about the Benko Gambit—it was love at first play!

FAVORITE CHESS BOOKS

When I was a kid I used to carry *Think like a Grandmaster* by Alexander Kotov everywhere. Now I have so many it would be hard to choose one.

PROUDEST CHESS MOMENT TO DATE

As a player, my best tournament was the 2013 U.S. Championship, in which I finished second, but really, my proudest is being able to work as a second with a good team of friends for the 2018 World Chess Championship match. It was one of the highlights of my life! More than working on the world championship, I felt I was helping a close friend to achieve his dream. The four of us who went to Spain to train for a month before the championship are a tight knit group that transcends just chess.

A DISAPPOINTING MOMENT

Chess is full of disappointments—but they are just stumbling blocks to get to a new level. Every time I lose it shapes me up to be a stronger chess player. I remember being quite heartbroken about missing the U.S. Championship

in 2011, but I got over it and qualified the next three years running!

A SCARY THING HAPPENED IN THE COMMENTATOR BOOTH ...

Being a commentator is a lot less stress, and I can analyze and sacrifice pieces without worrying about losing them. I think my scariest commentator job was in Qatar 2015—the organizer, GM Al-Modiahki, is also a big fan of hawks of prey, and he brought one to the studio! They're pretty large and have terrifying talons, but I got to hold it while conducting the interview.

COACHING BENEFITS EVERYONE

What I enjoy the most is seeing how different everyone is on the chessboard. You would think two grandmasters think similarly, but sometimes they can't even guess one move from each other! College students are just grown up kids, but they're also trying to be adults. It's a very interesting time of their lives and I like being able to help out in chess and otherwise. (*ed. note: Ramirez coaches the Saint Louis University chess team.*)

LIFE IN ST. LOUIS

It's great! I can grab my coffee and see the giant king, by which all the



stars of the chess world come to play. It's a sweet place for a chess fan, and I'm definitely one.

TOURNAMENT PREP

Tournaments require you to be sharp (tactics), well prepared (openings), and physically fit, so I focus on those when a tournament is close to coming up.

OUTSIDE OF CHESS ...

I worked as a systems designer on a video game that sold over 30 million copies. But being away from the chess world was too painful, and I honestly can't imagine a life in which chess did not impact it. I don't do anything with game design now, but I do still play a lot of competitive video games. I'm also a master-level Starcraft player.

THE BEST ADVICE I'VE RECEIVED

Treat people the way you want to be treated.

MY BEST ADVICE

Find a passion early and work hard at it—few things in life will be as rewarding. Don't let anything stop you on the way to achieving your goal, in chess or otherwise!

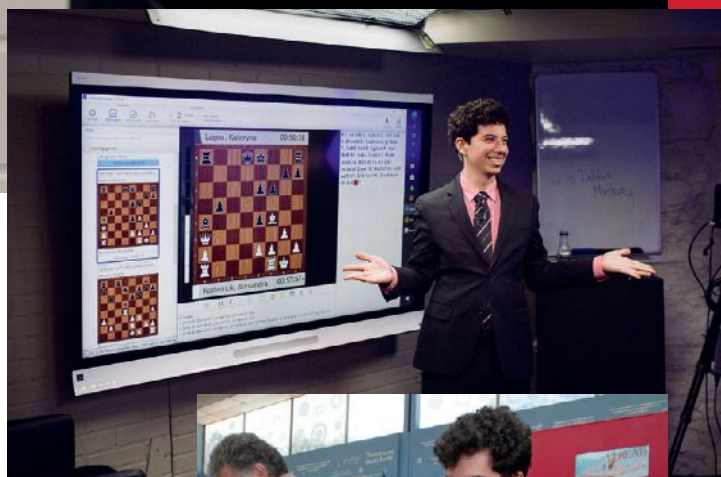
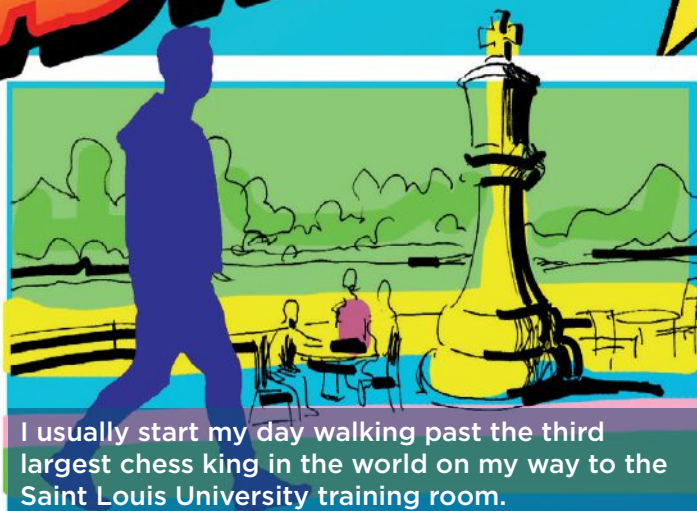


Photo montage: Alejandro has become a popular commentator, player, and coach at the Saint Louis Chess Club. The photos on this page showcase his many roles: coaching children, sharing commentating duties, and offering game analysis. Photos courtesy of Saint Louis Chess Campus.

CHESS ADVENTURES

with
GM ALEJANDRO
RAMIREZ



I usually start my day walking past the third largest chess king in the world on my way to the Saint Louis University training room.

Sometimes I'll have lunch at the Kingside Diner. I almost always run into other chess people there!



I'll head over to the Saint Louis Chess Club,

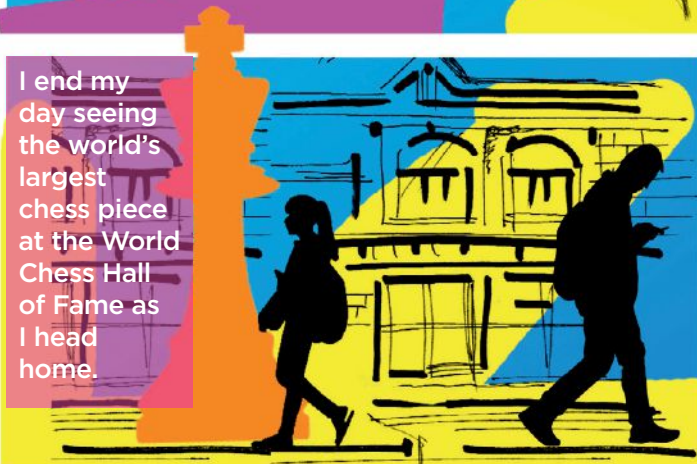


where I often teach, commentate...

... or play games.

I especially enjoy hanging out with my friends.

I end my day seeing the world's largest chess piece at the World Chess Hall of Fame as I head home.



Life in St. Louis is never boring!



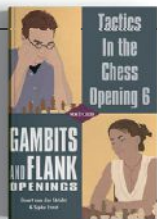
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TACTICS IN THE CHESS OPENING - VOLUME 6

by Sipke Ernst

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This book covers all the tactical themes and typical traps in the main lines of the English, the Dutch and the Reti, as well as a couple of interesting gambits. They are explained in more than 200 carefully selected and annotated short games. "Tactics in the Chess Opening" teaches you how to recognize opportunities to attack early in the game and how to avoid standard pitfalls in the opening. It will make the adventurous player win more games.

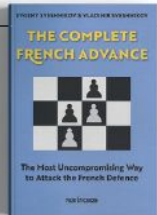


SECRETS OF OPENING SURPRISES - VOLUME 13

by Various Authors

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Secrets of Opening Surprises brings you a wide variety of unusual opening ideas. They may seem outrageous at first sight, but have proven to be perfectly playable. An SOS deviates very early from the regular lines in a mainstream opening, usually even before move six! That is why it is so easy to actually bring the variation on the board. You will baffle your opponent without having studied large quantities of stuffy theory.

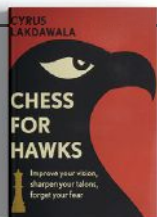


THE COMPLETE FRENCH ADVANCE

by Evgeny Sveshnikov & Vladimir Sveshnikov

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The Advance Variation is the most ambitious way to meet the solid French Defence. The closed nature of the positions arising from the Advance Variation leads to strategic play where positional understanding is much more important than studying the latest theoretical developments. White can use the advantage in space by building up an attack against the Black king.

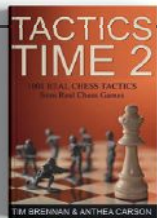


CHESS FOR HAWKS

by Cyrus Lakdawala

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Are you a dove or a hawk? Is your natural instinct at the chessboard for caution and strategy or do you crave adventure and confrontation? This question may be more important than you think because being aware of your personal style (and that of your opponent) is essential in your development as a chess player. This book is a fascinating and often hilarious story of Lakdawala's struggle to release his inner hawk. It is also a highly instructional guide that will make you think about questions you may not have thought about before.



TACTICS TIME 2

by Tim Brennan and Anthea Carson

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Thousands of beginners and casual chess players have improved by studying the tactical examples in Tactics Time 1. The authors are now back with more real chess tactics from the games of players like you. This book introduces 1001 fresh and instructive positions that Tim and Anthea have assembled from real amateur chess games. Forget about grandmaster and master games and just spend your time and energy on relatively simple patterns like a knight fork, an overloaded piece or a weak back rank.

THE EXTREME CARO-KANN

by Alexey Bezgodov

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The Caro-Kann Defence has become one of the most important and popular replies to 1.e4. Its 'solid' and 'drawish' reputation no longer applies in modern chess. Grandmaster Alexey Bezgodov advocates a very early deviation, the annoying and little-explored 3.f3! ? The move 3.f3! ? considerably complicates life for Caro-Kann players, as it makes Black's main problem bigger: the development of his bishop on c8.

THE ART OF THE TARRASCH DEFENCE

by Alexey Bezgodov

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The Tarrasch Defence is one of the most ambitious ways to play against 1.d4. Black immediately fights for the centre, gets a lot of space and develops his pieces without many problems. Great fighters like Boris Spassky, Paul Keres and Garry Kasparov have played the Tarrasch Defence. This is a must-have book for fearless players who wish to surprise their opponents and who like to play aggressively with Black -- but only with a reliable opening with a sound positional foundation

DISMANTLING THE SICILIAN

by Jesus de la Villa & Max Illingworth

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The Sicilian Defence is the most widely played chess opening, both at club level as well as among top grandmasters. It has been difficult for White to obtain any advantage in Sicilian sidelines, and this book therefore presents a complete repertoire for White in the most widely played main lines: the Open Sicilians with 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3. All of Black's possible answers are covered.

FABIANO CARUANA

by Alexander Kalinin

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At 14 years, 11 months and 20 days, Fabiano Caruana became the youngest Grandmaster in the history of the United States and embarked on a glorious career. Alexander Kalinin chronicles the amazing story of the first American Challenger since Bobby Fischer and follows his development from a pure attacker to a universal, all-round star. This selection of Caruana's best and most instructive games, arranged in thematic chapters, is a perfect guide for amateur chess players as there is plenty to be learned about all the skills that really matter.

STRIKE LIKE JUDIT!

by Charles Hertan

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Judit Polgar is the strongest female chess player of all time. From an early age, the Hungarian prodigy baffled the world with her sensational triumphs. At the age of 15 she beat Bobby Fischer's record to become the youngest grandmaster in history. Award-winning author Charles Hertan has revisited the gold mine of Judit Polgar's games and selected her best and most instructive tactics. They are arranged by theme and presented with helpful explanations and lots of practical advice.

